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PREFACE.

THE two years to which the papers calendared in the present volume relate, were years of comparative quiet, and, as might be supposed by persons to whom these papers were not accessible, years of public prosperity and happiness. The expeditions against Spain and France came to an end after the death of Buckingham and the surrender of Rochelle. They had been fruitless with reference to their meditated purposes, and had left behind them a public debt, which, although trifling in amount when compared with present financial operations, was sufficient to occasion at that time extensive misery and dissatisfaction. No general balance-sheet of the Government has been found, nor can it even be determined from these papers what were the ordinary receipts of the Crown. One can only perceive by the amounts which are stated from time to time to be owing now in one direction and to one set of creditors, and now in another quarter and to totally different persons, that in spite of the urgency of the Lord Treasurer in keeping down expenditure, the public debt was burthensome, whilst the pitiable histories developed in the petitions of particular creditors indicate how much misery the disorder in the general finances brought home to private individuals.

The most considerable change in the Government during the period which is here dealt with took place on the appointment of a successor to Lord Dorchester. After long striving, he had toiled up the official ascent to a Secretary-

ship of State and a peerage, but he enjoyed his dignities only for a brief period. He died on the 15th February 1631-2. Sir Thomas Roe, writing from London on the 23rd of the same month, remarks of him that, "he walked rightly in his life, died manly and Christianly, and rejoiced in and recommended the King of Swedes, and so like a swan sung his own funeral." (Vol. ccxi., No. 74.) Sir Thomas adds "We dare not guess at his successor, nor search into the secret of princes, but we divine that my Lord Treasurer will for a time supply the service." The conjecture was in a certain sense accurate, but Sir John Coke, who had hitherto chiefly been the Secretary for Domestic Affairs, entered at once upon the management of the foreign correspondence as well, and continued sole Secretary from February 1632 until the following June. On the 12th of that month* the King determined the abeyance by selecting for the vacant office one of the Clerks of the Signet. The appointment took every one by surprise, but its history is sufficiently explained by an entry in Bishop Laud's Diary, and by one of his letters calendared in the present volume. The entry in the Diary is as follows:—"1632, June 15. Mr. Francis Windebank, my old friend, was sworn Secretary of State, which place I obtained for him of my gracious master King Charles."† The letter alluded to is an example of Laud's most familiar style. It runs thus:—

BISHOP LAUD TO FRANCIS WINDEBANK.

Dom. Corresp. Charles I., Vol. ccxviii. No. 46.

"*Salutem in Christo.*

"Mr. Secretary!—For though you think, perchance, that I am apt enough to jest, yet I know you will believe these inclosed,‡ and this present day, in the afternoon, at Council, Secretary. Coke is by

* Vol. ccxviii., No. 42. † Laud's Works, iii., 215.

‡ The inclosure was doubtless a letter from Coke to Windebank, Vol. ccxviii., No. 45, announcing the King's pleasure for Windebank's appointment.

his Majesty's special command to declare it to the Lords. So now you have a second cure to attend, as well as your son-in-law. The name of the parish is S. Troubles. And now I return you your prayers for me, God send you as much health as you may have business. I have sent Dr. Dick to bring you the news, that the women may abuse him for his last week's knavery.

"I pray you make haste up, and follow the directions of this inclosed, and, among other benefits, I doubt not but the very naming you to this place will make them at Oxford look well to your son. So in great haste I leave you to the grace of God, and rest

"Your very loving friend,

"Fulham House, "GUIL. LONDON."

"June 13, 1632."

"We took another conventicle of Separatists in Newington Woods upon Sunday last, in the very brake where the King's stag should have been lodged for his hunting the next morning.

"I pray commend me to your good lady—Madam, forsooth!"

The selection of Windebank, whilst Sir Thomas Roe was left unemployed, could only be explained in one way. Sir Thomas was one of the ablest men of his day. His official experience was varied and extensive; his despatches were admirable examples of diplomatic acuteness; his views of public policy were based upon clear general principles, which he never scrupled to enunciate in the most precise and unmistakeable language; and, above all things, he was a thorough friend and lover of learning, a hearty admirer of the Queen of Bohemia and the King of Sweden, and a staunch supporter of a scheme for uniting all the reformed churches in one general brotherhood or confederation. But Sir Thomas was out of favour at Court. In 1629 he was sent ambassador to the Kings of Poland and Sweden. Their quarrels interfered with the execution of the scheme of Gustavus Adolphus for leading an army into the heart of Germany. Roe's office was to mediate between them. He was completely successful; a truce was concluded for

six years, and Gustavus Adolphus was set free to run his brief but wonderful career. Roe, speaking from his heart, gave strong encouragement to the designs of the Swedish conqueror. He even ventured to express a hope that Charles I. would give him active assistance. It is not pretended that in doing so the ambassador pledged the King to anything, or went one jot beyond his authority. The plan of operations submitted to him was based upon the hope of advantage to the general cause of protestantism, and involved the restoration of the Elector Palatine to his hereditary dominions. Roe relied upon his master's anxiety to promote these objects, and expressed himself accordingly.

On his return to England, some share of the universal popularity of the Swedish hero was reflected upon Sir Thomas Roe. He was welcomed and applauded by Court and people; medals were struck in honour of his successful embassy; the King expressed his approbation of his exertions, and promised to make his welfare an object of special care; but all power was in the hands of Lord Treasurer Weston and Bishop Laud, neither of whom favoured the principles of Sir Thomas Roe, and in spite of all his success and congratulation, he was laid aside.

His letters evidence the bitterest sense of his disappointment. By a variety of similes he illustrates the difficulty which stood in his way. The English Court is represented as a labyrinth of which he had not the clue; it is stated to resemble the way to heaven in this, that it was strait and narrow, and that there was but one entrance to it. (Vol. clxxii., No. 10.) In disgust at beholding the advancement of all men before and above himself, he purchased what he termed a cell at Bulwick, a secluded place in Northamptonshire, and there awaited some call to enter again into the public service. In the meantime he compared himself to Drake's ship which was docked up at Deptford, and thought that if he was not acceptable to the King and fit for those

times, no man could retire from the world with more ease or into a smaller circle. (Vol. clxxiii., No. 49.) Such professions were in his case, as they are in that of many other people, mere self-deception. His heart yearned after the employment that was denied him, and he appealed in vain to the presumed leader of the more absolutely protestant section of the King's advisers to "help the cripple at the pool's side" (Vol. clxxiii., No. 49.) * His interesting letters in the present volume prove the continuance of the same feeling. Two of them will exhibit his position and character better than many pages of comment.

SIR THOMAS ROE to HENRY EARL OF HOLLAND.

Dom. Corresp. Charles I., Vol. ccxxii., No. 23. *Copy.*

"My Lord,—If I were not provoked by new occasions, I could as well be content not to trouble myself, nor the world, as it seems it is to forget me, but there are some businesses of such nature, from which man cannot exclude me. I moved his Majesty long since, and often, concerning a reconciliation of all the Protestant Churches in Europe, into which I had an entrance, and, by his favour, leave to proceed. Since, there hath been such a progress made, such helps, such conjuncture, such accession of minds and labours, that it seems merely the motion of the Prince of Peace, of which I have had freshly so large an account that I cannot forbear to beseech you to let his Majesty know that it may by his help be done, and not without it. The proportion of a letter, and your Lordship in progress, will not permit me to say more, and I cannot fear but so much wisdom and piety will apprehend the occasion and use it, and crown it by his authority who is only able to perfect it.

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* Two years later Roe even condescended to apply to many other persons, and among them, to Laud, then Archbishop, to help him to the desired promotion. The Archbishop assured him that he had often spoken to the King on the subject, but saw no hope to be able to serve him as yet. "It may be," he continued, "because I had once the happiness to join in assistance to help my old acquaintance Mr. Secretary Windebank forward, you may conceive me able to do more than I am, but I would very willingly have you understand that if he had not had more powerful friends than myself, he had never been where he is. And therefore I pray build no more hopes upon me than I am able to answer."—Dom. Corr., 22 April 1634.

"Many other things are opened to me concerning the King of Swedes: the result of all is, that if his Majesty take not take care of him, not so much by money, or that only, as by countenance and reputation of unity and collegation, though an enemy cannot beat him out of Germany, cold and jealous friends may undermine and undo him. I write out of much sense and knowledge. His subsistence there did arise from opinion of him, and the Princes' necessity. These gave him first authority and means, but being all grounded, not on his own subjects but on strangers, not maintained by his own money, but by theirs, not for love, but necessity, if they begin to think that is either removed or only changed, or that they can find another way to a drowsy security, though it deceive them, the money, the power, the seeming love, all will abandon him; and if he forsake the cause, or the cause cast off him, the general enemy will return more provoked to revenge, both upon the religion and all the Princes that profess it. There are some things I am as unwilling to write as to know, but the sum is; —that brave Prince is in danger, if my master support him not, by awing of others; and though some reasons may retard him from being a builder, yet he must aid as a buttress to keep up all the work. I would not trouble your Lordship with these fragments if conscience did not exact it, and that I speak not at random, or for discourse. I leave it to your Lordship to use as you see occasion.

"The privacy of my life forbids me to meddle or to pry into the ark of his Majesty's secrets, yet I am a member, and have an interest in the head. I shall be extremely joyed to hear from your Lordship (Mr. Lucas will not grutch his pains), that though I live out of the active world, I may know what it doth, and be kept among the living, for ignorance is a civil death, nor can I so bury myself, without a constant profession that if his Majesty at any time remember me, I can never decline his service. If he call, I answer '*Adsum, Domine!*' I see many occasions, is there none for me? Are all men thought and cared for, I only forgotten? I am content, because man doth often and eagerly pursue false and seeming good, and by missing his own wishes God gives him true good, and both rewards and enlightens him at once. I wish your Lordship all happiness as

"Your Lordship's most humble servant,

"[THOMAS ROE.]"

"Bulwick,

"6 Aug. 1632."

The other letter is addressed to a gentleman about to travel into Italy:

SIR THOMAS ROE TO SIR FRANCIS FANE.

Dom. Corresp. Charles I., Vol. ccxxii., No. 41. *Copy.*

"Sir,—I have rather spared your trouble than mine, that I have not written to you while you did stay in Germany. From your friends you had better ways to hear, and that was all the service I could pretend to do you. Now, understanding you are ready to go further, though I know not so good direction as your own discretion, yet, not to fail of a duty to your mother, I have obeyed her by giving my opinion for the spending your time in Italy; and, to fit you for it, have wished that you begin the language in Geneva and perfect it in Florence. In that good town you shall have a compendium of many, all exercises and letters; in the last, a Court to act and use them in. I have made a list of your way and abodes, not to prescribe but to point at them, as an index to a map, and presumed to give you one address to Mons. Serrazin, one of the principal in Geneva, both in authority and understanding. I hope it may do you service, or he doth fail me.

"To give you other counsel were a boldness unfitting me that know you so well, not to do it an omission of love. The best rule I can give you is, when you cannot have the best company, both for virtues and quality, to have none; and that your studies and observations have men and action rather for their objects, than towns and fashions. And, Sir, believe me the best thing you can bring home is the least thing you can learn there, language and a good Englishman.

"You shall see many gods there served, but you must pass like an Israelite and bow to none; certainly idolatry is the mother sin, the common sin, the sin of religion. You shall see much outward devotion, but scarce one heart that bows aright to God: zeal without knowledge, ceremony without faith, works without charity. Let none of these specious paintings deceive you; and if you doubt, fly only to the oracle, God's book. There you shall find no image worship, no Christ made of bread, no purgatory, no merit, no supererogation, no church treasure, no mediator but the Lamb, no building of straw and stubble, but such as St. Paul warned us to avoid.

"If they tell you of antiquity, distinguish the first time, *originem, ab antiquo,* and then it is with us; if of our new doctrine,

remember, Truth is the elder brother; of our new church, be confident that is the newest that erred and corrupted the truth, that our church was the same while they held the foundation, while there was saving health among them, until they became, in the fulness of iniquity, so corrupt, that God bid us go out, not a new church, but a graft of the right olive, to be planted on our own stock, the root being grown a wild tree. I conclude; all wisdom, policy, safety, is religion. Keep God and enjoy all things.

"For your studies, rather use History than Arts. These make a man subtle, that profound, and of History, choose to read the times and occasions most near and like our own; an epitome or chronology is enough of the obscurer and past ages. Thus I have adventured my talent, and seeing I can do no more, I will pray for you, that God may keep you, and send you home, a comfort to your friends, and an ornament to your country.

"Your most affectionate friend and servant,

"[THOMAS ROE.]"

"Bulwick, 16 Aug. 1632."

Another change at this time, besides that in the Secretaryship, was the succession of William Noy to Sir Robert Heath in the office of Attorney General. Of itself this appointment might seem of comparatively little importance, but, like the appointment of Windebank, it indicated the paramount existence of a fresh spirit in the Government, and was productive of important results. Won to serve the Court with difficulty and some abandonment of principle, he became, by dint of flattery, a willing agent in some of its most unpopular measures. "He moulded, framed, and pursued," remarks Clarendon, "the odious and crying project of soap, and with his own hands drew and prepared the writ for ship money, both which will be the lasting monuments of his fame." (Hist. Rebell., Book i.) The soap business is fully illustrated in this volume; the ship money will shortly become the subject of many papers.

Appointments to offices, either in the state or household, were throughout the reign of Charles I. subjects of considerable difficulty. The vacancy of a Secretaryship of State for

five months is not at all a solitary exemplification of this difficulty. Two others at the least are presented in the volume before us. The Earl of Pembroke, Lord Steward of the Household, died on the 10th April 1630, and Lord Conway, Lord President of the Council, on the 3rd January 1630/1. Both these offices remained unfilled up, not only to the end of the period now dealt with, but for many years afterwards.

Although the papers calendared in the present volume are devoid of the peculiar excitement which attaches to stirring incidents, they will be found to contain a multitude of illustrations of popular feeling in reference to such public events as were deemed important to English interests, and,—what is perhaps even still more valuable to students of history,—they abound with information upon an almost infinite variety of social subjects all tending towards a solution of that great problem in our history—how it came to pass that so soon after the period with which we are dealing the nation fell into discord and civil war.

By way of exciting further inquiry, I will give a few brief notes of some of the papers which refer to the leading persons of this period.

The invasion of Germany by Gustavus Adolphus is mainly illustrated in the Foreign correspondence of this period, but the Athenian anxiety of the English people for information during his exciting course of victory is described in letters in this volume, in terms the truth of which we can all recognize. The people, it is said, became "too hungry" for news. They would not give the King of Sweden leave to conquer, like a man, by degrees, but looked that he should fight battles and take towns, as fast as we read of them in the book of Joshua. (Vol. ccxvi. No. 92.) And when he reached the climax and the end of his career of glory, the country, in its sorrow, and its anxiety that the truth should not be true, was ready to believe all kinds of incredible

rumours respecting his fate. One sees from the credulity exhibited on this occasion how easily in earlier ages, and in cases similar to those of our Richard II. and Sebastian of Portugal, such rumours might be received into the general belief. (Vol. ccxxvi., Nos. 17 and 19.) The unfortunate expedition of the Marquis of Hamilton with six thousand men in aid of Gustavus Adolphus is the subject of several important papers. (Vols. cxcvi. *passim*, cxcix, Nos. 5, 6, and cciv., No. 55.) And a letter from Sir Thomas Roe to the celebrated soldier Sir John Hepburn will not escape notice. (Vol. cciv., No. 34.)

Of King Charles the information scattered throughout the volume is especially illustrative of the temper with which he carried on the government, and the extent to which he personally interfered in the management of public affairs. One of the most valuable papers in the volume, in reference to the King, and one which reflects his personal character and opinions in a way which will be particularly interesting to many people, is a form of daily morning or evening prayer, which is wholly in the King's hand-writing. I have not been able to discover its origin as a separate composition, nor to find any evidence of its authorship. It does not contain any petition for guidance in the exercise of kingly duties, nor anything else which may be regarded as specially applicable to the King's royal condition. It, therefore, looks to me like a fair copy of a prayer intended for general use made by the King; but it is observable that, if that be the case, his Majesty in writing it adopted his own peculiar spelling—a spelling founded on the Scottish pronunciation which adhered to him throughout his life. The prayer seems to have been written on the blank half of a sheet of paper on which was originally inscribed a list of the Lent preachers in 1631/2. In the following transcript the manuscript has been followed in every particular of spelling and punctuation.

Prayer in the Handwriting of Charles I.

Dom. Corresp. Charles I., Vol. ccxi., No. 91.

Good Lord I thanke * for keeping mee this day/night, I humblie beseeche thee to keepe mee this night/day, from all dangers or mischances that may happen to my Boddie, & all euell thoughts which may assalt or hurt my Sowel for Jesus Christ his sake: And Looke vpon me thy unworthie seruant, who heere prostrates him selfe at thy Throne of grace, but looke upon mee O Father through the merites and mediation of Jesus Christ thy beloued Sone in whom thou art onlie well pleased; for of my selfe, I am not worthie to stand in thy presence, or to speake withe my uncleane lips, to thee, most holly & æternall God; for thou kõwest that in Sinn, I was conceaved & borne, & that euer since I have liued in Iniquetie, so that I haue broken all thy Holly Coñandements, by sinfull motions, euell words, & wicked workes, oñitting manie dewties I ought to doe, & coñitting manie vyces, which thou hast forbiden vnder paine of heauie displeasure: as for Sinnes O Lord they ar innumerable; in the multitude, therfore, of thy mercies, & by the merites of Jesus Christ, I intreate thy Deuyne Majestie, that thou wouldest not enter into jugement, with thy seruant; nor bee extreame to marke what is done amisse, but bee thou mercifull to mee, & washe away all my Sinnes, with the merits of that pretius blood that Jesus Christ shed for mee, & not onlie washe away all my Sinnes, but also to purge my hart, by holly * Spirit, from the drosse of my naturall corruption; & as thou doest add dayes to my life, so (good Lord) add repentance to my dayes, that when I haue past this mortall lyfe, I may bee a partaker of thy euerlasting kingdome, throught * Jesus Christ our Lorde.

In the touching narrative written by Mr., afterwards Sir Thomas Herbert, of the closing scenes of the life of Charles I., the writer relates with considerable minuteness the last act of worldly business transacted by the King. The scene was at St. James's, on the morning of his execution. Bishop Juxon had just arrived, Colonel Hacker was the next, and the only succeeding visitor. Before the King

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went to prayers with the Bishop, Herbert fell on his knees, and entreated the King's pardon for any possible neglect of duty in the trying circumstances of his attendance. The King, who had the day before given him a certificate that his service had been performed with faithfulness and loyal affection, extended his hand to be kissed by his dutiful servant, and then proceeded to entrust to him various last relics to be delivered to several of the royal children, and to one or two other persons, who were the King's most intimate friends. A copy of the Bible, "in the margin whereof he had with his own hand writ many annotations and quotations," the King charged Herbert to give to Prince Charles, with a message of a solemn character. "He likewise," the writer proceeds, "commanded Mr. Herbert to give his son, the Duke of York, his large ring sun-dial of silver, a jewel his Majesty much valued; it was invented and made by Mr. Delamain, an able mathematician, who projected it, and in a little book showed its excellent use in resolving many questions in arithmetic, and other rare operations to be wrought by it in the mathematics."*

The papers now published contain valuable illustrations of this incident.

Delamain, of whom little notice is to be found elsewhere, was a teacher of the mathematics, and lived in "the upper part of Chancery Lane." About 1630, he invented a mathematical ring, or instrument which, by the moving of concentric circles in a prescribed manner, worked "arithmetical and mathematical questions only by the eye, with such facility and expedition" as that the like thereof had never theretofore been produced. This is the instrument which took King Charles's fancy, and which he thought worthy to be given, as a precious relic, from a dying father to his son.

* Herbert's Memoirs, ed. 1711, p. 130.

Herbert is evidently wrong in terming it a sun-dial. A minute description of it may be found in the "little book" to which Herbert alludes, a poor copy of the second edition of which occurs in the Library of the British Museum.* From our papers it appears that Delamain was a friend of Noy, and that he obtained, by the favour of the King, several grants of privilege for the sole making of his ring and other mathematical instruments of his invention, together with the sole printing of his explanatory books. (*See* Vol. cliv., No. 61; Vol. clxxxi., No. 56; Vol. ccv. No. 90; Vol. ccxxxiii., Nos. 19, 20.)

Of the other leading men of this period, those, I mean, who enjoyed the King's confidence and conducted the Government of the country,—Weston, Laud, Wentworth, and the rest,—the notices in this volume are very valuable. Those of Weston, or as he became on the 17th February 1632/3, Earl of Portland, are chiefly official. None of his private letters have occurred, but two allusions to him are eminently characteristic; one that he spoke "in thunder" to the Vic-

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* Grammelogia, or the Mathematical Ring, extracted from the Logarithms. 12mo. Lond. [1632?] Oughtred, a brother inventor of mathematical instruments, speaks most disparagingly of Delamain, in an Apologetical Epistle, prefixed to Oughtred's work entitled "The Circles of Proportion and the Horizontal Instrument: Both invented and the uses of both written in Latin by Mr. W. O. Translated into English and set forth for the public benefit by William Forster. 4to. London, 1639." From his representation one would suppose Delamain to have been a mere charlatan, and an appropriator of the inventions of other men. Delamain had a son of his own name, who, in the time of the Commonwealth, was grievously complained of as a religious enthusiast. (*See* "Impostor Magnus, or the Legerdemain of Richard Delamain, now preacher in the City of Hereford, being a narrative of his life and doctrine since his first coming into that county. 4to. Lond. 1654.") Delamain affectedly subscribed his letters, and published most of his books, only in his surname. In calendaring the paper, Vol. ccv., No. 90, I was misled by Watts's Bibliotheca into supposing that his Christian name was "Robert," which I therefore inserted within brackets; I subsequently found, from Vol. ccxxxiii., No. 19, that it was "Richard."

tualler of the Navy (p. 3), and the other that Nicholas treasured up his *recipe* for a physic drink (p. 504).

Laud appears frequently upon the scene. The accounts relating to his new buildings at St. John's College, Oxford, preserve the memory of an eminently honourable portion of his character. There are also important papers respecting his procurement of the King's interference to put down authoritatively some opposition to his theological views among the young men at Oxford, and several papers of the same kind respecting prosecutions in which he was interested in the High Commission Court and in the Star Chamber. Among documents of this last class an examination of William Prynne, which gives the history of the composition of his ponderous volume, entitled Histrio Mastix, is worthy of notice.

Examination of William Prynne.

Dom. Corresp. Charles I., Vol. ccxxxi., No. 77.

"The examination of William Prynne, of Lincoln's Inn, Esq., taken before William Noy, his Majesty's Attorney General, the last day of January, Anno Domini 1632.

"The examinant saith that the book now shewed unto him titled Histrio Mastix, or* Players Scourge, or Actors Tragedy, was made and composed by himself, and first of all written by himself, with his own hand, and the notes in the margin, pages 521, 531, 624, 984, are of his handwriting, 216. In the title page of the book intended by him he hath written his name with his own hand.

"He spake with none but Michael Sparkes† about the printing of that book, and he had nothing of him for the copies, but only about 35 or 36 books when they were printed.

"Being demanded who examined that book that it might be printed, saith, that he delivered or sent the copy of the book to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury's chaplain, Mr. Buckner, who, as

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* *The*, in the book itself.

† Bookseller; prosecuted for printing this book, and on many other occasions.

this examinant was informed, did use to examine books before they came to the press, and he told the examinant that he could not perfectly read the copies in many places, and desired that he might see the sheets as they were printed, and thereupon the examinant commanded Sparkes to send every sheet to Mr. Buckner as they were printed, and he verily believeth it was so done."

"The examinant saith that in one page Mr. Buckner signified his dislike in some part thereof, and thereupon that page, which is page 707,* with that half-sheet, was new printed, and this was done because that he desired that nothing might pass without approbation. He saith that the first part of this book was printed before the end of the last Easter Term, the second part was finished in Michaelmas Term last, and the Table or Index was by that time also finished and printed.

"He saith also that the two epistles dedicatory,† and the epistle to the reader, were composed by himself and printed in Easter Term last, and he delivered to the printer to print, first the book, and after that the epistles, and a great part of the book was composed about seven years past."

Laud's letters to his friends were often written in that style of heavy but kindly pleasantry which is exhibited in the one addressed to Sec. Windebank already quoted. There are in the present volume two others addressed to Sir John Lambe, which are specimens of the same style of composition (Vol. clxxxviii., No. 60, and Vol. ccxxiii.,

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* A copy of this book, in the possession of the editor of the present volume, contains portions of these cancelled pages, as well as those substituted in their places. In page 708, as originally written, it appears that Prynne adduced a passage from Dion Cassius, in proof "how ignominious a thing it is for men or women of quality to masque or dance in public, or to act a masque or play upon a stage." This being objected to, was altered in the substituted half-sheet to "how ignominious a thing it *was reputed among the ancient Romans* for men or women," &c.

† One addressed "to his much honoured friends, the right Worshipful Masters of the Bench to the Honourable flourishing Law-society of Lincoln's Inn," of which Inn Prynne was a member, and the other "To the right Christian generous young gentlemen students of the four famous Inns of Court, and especially those of Lincoln's Inn." The third epistle alluded to is addressed "To the Christian reader."

No. 14). An extract from the latter of these will bear quotation :—

"It is but a melancholy conceit, or a dream rather, of your returning to the University, there to live a retired life as you began. I know what hares do when they be over-hunted, though you had not told it me ;* but I will yet hope as long as I can that it will not be so with you. If it should so be, I have given you the best comfort I can already, and so you acknowledge. One comfort I have more for you. You will lose your wager to me, and therefore I pray provide for it against this term."

The reception of Laud's ceremonial changes within his own diocese is the subject of several striking letters from his subordinate clergy ; one from the celebrated Dr. Gouge (Vol. ccii., No. 3) will be found extremely worthy of attention. Courtesy struggling with principle was never more curiously exhibited. Dr. Collins's letters from Braintree are of a very different character; but one of them (Vol. ccx., No. 41), contains valuable testimony to the effect of the ecclesiastical changes upon the people. He is writing to Dr. Duck, whom Laud had directed to threaten him with the High Commission Court for his slowness in the adoption of the desired alterations :—

"It's no easy matter to reduce a numerous congregation into order that hath been disorderly these fifty years, and that for these seven years last past hath been encouraged in that way by all the refractory ministers in the country, with whom they have had acquaintance, and their private meetings and conference, who have left divers schismatical books among them, and during their continuance here, laboured to make my person and ministry contemptible and odious, because I would not hold correspondence with them.

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* "And as a hare whom hounds and horns pursue,
Pants to the place from whence at first he flew,
I still had hopes, my long vexations past,
Here to return, and die at home at last."

Goldsmith's Deserted Village.

"If I had suddenly and hastily fallen upon the strict practice of conformity, I had undone myself, and broken the town to pieces. For upon the first notice of alteration, many were resolving to go to New England, others to remove elsewhere, by whose departure the burthen of the poor, and charges of the town, had grown unsupportable to those should have stayed behind. By my moderate and slow proceeding, I have made stay of some, and do hope to settle their judgments and abode with us, when the rest that are inexorable are shipped and gone.

"Mr. Hawkins, who, if need be, will make faith of that I have written, hath been acquainted with all my proceedings, who is my principal assistant in the government of this town, and for that cause undergoes a great burthen of envy and opposition, together with me.

"My Lord of London need not implore the aid of the arm of the High Commission to rule me, the least finger of his own hand shall suffice. If what I have said and done will not satisfy, I submit to his honour's censure. In the meantime, I am under no small burthen, that am subject to his Lordship's censure above, and here beneath, to the hatred and obstreperous clamours of the people in town and country. It makes me add often a new prayer to my Litany,—'From this people, good Lord deliver me,' and I hope my Lord of London will do it ere long, however for the present he seem offended."

Several of Viscount Wentworth's admirable letters are to be found in this volume; two will stand comparison with the best of his compositions of that character. The first describes the course of an epidemical disease which, breaking out simultaneously in Lancashire, and, in a severer form, in Lincolnshire, approached York on both sides, and ultimately attacked the suburbs of the city. (Vol. cc., No. 14.) The other is in every way so valuable that even its length must not prevent my giving it entire. The definiteness, force, and even, in a certain sense, the grandeur of Wentworth's character, never appear so striking as in his professions of devotion to kingly authority, and the scorn with which he treats opponents.

Viscount Wentworth to the Earl of Carlisle.

Dom. Corresp. Charles I., Vol. ccxxiv., No. 45.

"York, 24th Oct. 1632.

"My very good Lord.—The excess of your favour in sending your footman so long and wearisome a journey, I must acknowledge, and contemplate your Lordship's nobleness to your absent servants so truly and so thankfully as to keep myself in an equal temper (wherever God and his Majesty shall bestow me), to receive your commands with all cheerfulness, and to fulfil them with all readiness and care. That his Majesty rests satisfied in the course I hold in this Government, is my chiefest exaltation before men, and my fullest contentment in my inmost retirements. And, surely, I will never omit continually to serve him his own way, where I once understand it, and where that beam leaves me, serve him the most profitable way the dimmer lights of my own judgment shall, by any means, be able to lead me unto. In this truth I will live and die; all the devils of hell, all their ministers on earth, shall never be able to impeach or shake it.

"For Sir David Foulis, the unfortunate subject of part of my letters of late, when I consider him as a gentleman that hath received some respects from me, never the least injury, I pity him; when I consider him your Lordship's kinsman, in that relation I am heartily sorry for him, and for myself too, that being so cordially an honourer of yours and all that depend on you, should thus misadventurously light upon a man that hath of your blood running in his veins, yet cannot, without much comfort in myself, without much injury to you, but observe the vigour of your respect towards me, in thus passing him over to a course of justice, which liberty you bestow upon me, and which I will nevertheless exercise with such modesty and moderation as shall show you that I am as far from drinking *a la confusion des personnes*, as the Frenchman the last summer.

"When I read his letter (which of your goodness is communicated with me), I find that insolent vanity of his, which hath brought forth all this trouble, written in capital letters. He saith it was to the admiration of all men I would not hear him. Alas! I did hear him, and used him with all civility, but there was a wonder (catholic enough indeed) in all men, to see him so poorly and meanly humble himself, in the same town where, within a few weeks

before, he had as insolently demeaned himself, I dare confidently say, more insolently, than ever any of his Majesty's Council here, and a deputy lieutenant, had done to the President and King's Lieutenant.

"But, good man, here is the jest, he tells us that by taking this business into his own hand, his Majesty shall make a purchase of him; a purchase with a witness! so clogged with wretched, woeful incumbrances as makes it nothing worth. He will lead and persuade others; he will by his example much better the King's service; leaves it to be considered by the best affected how much his disgrace might hurt his Majesty's service.

"Lord, with Æsop's fly upon the axletree of the wheel, what a dust he makes! Where are those he can lead or persuade? Take him out of the commission of the peace (the instrument of terror by which he pulled them on along with him by the noses), he governed himself with such exact pride and distemper amongst them that in good faith, I verily believe, that there are not half a score that would either follow or be persuaded by him. As for his example of life, it was so virtuous, or so vicious, as I believe we might find hundreds scandalled, sooner than one bettered by it. And surely if he leave it to be considered by the best affected, their verdict will be, his Majesty shall contribute more to his own authority by making him an example of his justice, than can possibly be gained by taking him in again. But this is an arrogance grown frequent now-a-days, which I cannot endure. Every ordinary man must put himself in balance with the King, as if it were a measuring cast betwixt them who were like to prove the greater losers upon the parting. Let me cast then this grain of truth in and it shall turn the scale. Silly wretches! Let us not deceive ourselves. The King's service cannot suffer by the disgrace of him, and me, and forty more such. The ground whereupon Government stands will not so easily be washed away, so as the sooner we unfool ourselves of this error, the sooner we shall learn to know ourselves, and shake off that self-pride, which hath to our own esteem represented us much bigger, more considerable, than indeed there is cause for.

"But the world will speak of his sufferings, who hath done so much service for the Crown, and that a submission, with a sure promise to amend, will be more honourable. His sufferings are not like to be other than such as shall be measured forth unto him by the equal and straight rule of Justice, and then who can he fault

but himself? What he hath merited of the Crown in former times I know not, but I am sure it is visible he hath served himself to a fair fortune by the means of the Crown, and that of late, since I came hither, I have heard of many disservices, but not any one service he hath paid back unto the Crown. It is true, indeed, he hath been content to bag up five or six thousand pounds of the King's money, kept it close in his stomach this twenty years, in plain terms cheated the King of it, and now it seems, that spirit being conjured forth of his pocket again, he bound to pay it in hath occasioned all this foul weather which he hath blown upon other the innocent Ministers of his Majesty in other remote quarters, not daring to breathe the least blast of it upon those taller cedars that had so overlooked him as to find him out when he least dreamt of it. And for his sure promise of amends, trust him that list, for he that hath falsified all those great obligations, let himself loose from those strongest bonds of love and thankfulness, I shall never flatter myself to hold him fast by the slippery ties of fear and strained professions; and so I leave him, and buy or purchase him that lists; for my part he shall never cost me farthing, or a line more labour.

"My Lord, here was one Payler fined by the High Commission 1000*l.* for an incest. This fine, upon a suit of this church, was by his Majesty bestowed upon them, for buying a pair of organs, adorning the altar, and such sacred uses. You may be informed by the enclosed how, and by whom, it is endeavoured to be carried another way. Good, my Lord, be so far a patron to this church as if you hear anything of it, cast in a word to confirm his Majesty in so gracious and a* pious an intention. I will detain your Lordship no longer, than in all truth to assure you that I am,

"Your Lordship's most faithful most humble servant,

"WENTWORTH."

SECRETARY COKE is to be found throughout the volume ever active and intelligent, having a share in many kinds of business, and in some cases applying to the matters before

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† Sir David Foulis was a servant of King James I., in Scotland, before his accession to the English throne. He received a grant of lands in Yorkshire as a recompence. *See* Corresp. of James VI. with Sir Robert Cecil. 4to. Lond. 1861. (Camden Society).

him an almost incredible amount of clerk-like pains. The number of his drafts and copies in reference to the Society for Fishing, (Vol. ccxxix., arts. 71—94, and *passim* upon that subject,) is a curious example of the laborious attention which he bestowed upon all matters which were under his hand. As he lived before the days of competitive examinations, we must not think too hardly of him, for not having had very clear ideas upon geography. He had no notion whether Iceland was an island or a continent, nor how many leagues of a wild tempestuous ocean ran between it and Newfoundland, which he thought to be a continent. Iceland he pronounced to be "a great territory, and unknown whether it be a main continent with Newfoundland, or no. Mariners say it is one continent." (Vol. ccxxix., No. 82.) A Secretary of State of a country, in which many fleets were yearly fitted out for the Iceland fishery, ought to have been better informed, but the difficulties in the way of the common people of acquiring such information must at that time have been very great. In Vol. ccv., No. 88. is a petition of Arnold Florentz van Langren, a Hollander, who claimed that he and his father were the first inventors of globes in 1592. The petitioner was in the habit of adding on his globes, with the pen, the new discoveries which were made from time to time, and he gives a curious list of the places thus inserted from 1608 to 1630. He constructed both terrestrial and celestial globes, and dedicated them by inscription to expected purchasers. It appears from the petition that one was thus dedicated, not to Secretary Coke, but to his brother Secretary, Dorchester.

There are several letters of Lord Deputy Falkland, all exhibiting the talent which appears so clearly in the celebrated petition on behalf of his imprisoned son. His troubles and difficulties at this period of his life are painted in very striking colours in several papers in this volume.

The marriage of Sir Lucius, his celebrated son, with a daughter of Sir Richard Morison, was a cause of dire offence to the Lord Deputy, and it is remarked by Lady Theresa Lewis, in the Lives of the Friends of Lord Chancellor Clarendon (i. 9.), that the last mention in Lord Deputy Falkland's Journal of his son's name is on the 28th October 1630, when it appears that Mr. Lenthall interceded with the disappointed father in the hope of a reconciliation. "This silence," it is added, "rather confirms the impression that all intercourse ceased between them." A paper calendared in this volume, happily, I think, removes this impression. Under the date of 9th August 1632 (Vol. ccxxii., No. 29), there occurs a letter in which Lord Deputy Falkland solicits Sec. Coke in businesses of his son and daughter, in terms which preclude the notion of his being on unfriendly terms with either of them. If the son here mentioned may be concluded to be the celebrated Lord Falkland, which seems more than probable, we may hope that Mr. Lenthall's interposition was successful.

Notes of this kind might be continued almost indefinitely, especially if extended from persons to subjects. Two examples of the latter class must suffice. Under either head, it is hoped that the Index will guide the inquirer to whatever may be the object of his search.

One class of papers which is extremely numerous both in this volume and its predecessor, consists of RETURNS MADE BY JUSTICES OF PEACE of the measures taken by them in a time of scarcity to relieve the necessities of the poor. Dry and oftentimes formal as these papers are, they will be found to contain much valuable information. For example: In them we learn what description of corn was then used by the poor for food in various parts of the country. Thus, in the Rape of Lewes we are told that the poor bought chiefly barley (p. 18); whilst in the north, as in Lincolnshire (p. 25), and the West Riding of Yorkshire (p. 24), oatmeal was princi-

pally used; meslyn, a mixed grain, seemed to prevail in many places, and in others, as for example, in the northern parts of Norfolk, during the scarcity, the people were enforced to make bread of buck-wheat. The several modes of relieving the poor adopted on this occasion were, I. a rigorous enforcement of penalties for small offences in cases in which the mulct was given by statute to the poor; II. superintendence of the markets and prevention of forestalling; III. sale of corn in the markets to the poor at an underprice; IV. compulsory reduction of the quantity of corn converted into malt; V. increase of the poor's rate; and, VI. in cases where poor families were large, either compelling the parishioners to take such children as were of suitable age as apprentices to learn trades or household work, or billeting the whole family at a fixed price upon the persons in the parish to which they belonged who were presumed to be most competent to receive them.

Among the great works of this period Sir Hugh Middleton's undertaking for bringing the New River from Hertfordshire into London will ever be remembered with admiration. This volume contains a notice of the arrangement, often mis-stated by writers on the subject, by which Charles I. relinquished the right in the New River Company which had descended to him from his father. That Sovereign, much to his honour, when the work flagged for want of support, agreed to bear half the expense of the undertaking, on condition of receiving half the profits. James, it appears, paid in this manner 9,262*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* (Vol. cci. No. 22). The anticipated pecuniary benefit, now so ample, was slow in coming, and Charles I., either out of want or in despair, agreed with Sir Hugh Middleton to relinquish all his rights to him on his covenant that he and his heirs would pay the Crown a permanent annuity of £500. This transaction was completed in November 1631, a few days only before the death of Sir Hugh Middleton.

Completeness of information in reference to any particular subject cannot be asserted on behalf of the papers here calendared, but considering the five volumes of this series now published, in the aggregate, it may be safely asserted with respect to them, that during the period to which they relate there was no person of any note living in England, who is not referred to in these papers, nor any thing of any moment transacted throughout the country, which they do not illustrate.

The Editor gratefully acknowledges the continuance during this volume of the valuable assistance of Mr. William Douglas Hamilton. The other arrangements alluded to in the close of the preface to the last volume have worked most satisfactorily. When placed upon a proper footing it may confidently be hoped that they will conduce greatly to the advantage of this portion of the public service.

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16th January 1862.

ERRATA.

Page 113, No. 91, *for* Sir Thomas Cecil, *read* Sir Thomas Conway.

„ 230, No. 90, *for* [Robert] Delamain, *read* [Richard] Delamain.

„ 239, No. 63, *for* William Hendrick, *read* William Kendrick.

DOMESTIC PAPERS.

CHARLES I.

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April 1. 1. Petition of Richard Jolliff, late Deputy Vice-Admiral of the Isle of Wight under Lord Conway, deceased, to the Council. Can do nothing in the complaint against him by Edward Powell respecting his Majesty's gift of a moiety of the Dolphin, of Shoreham, until he has made up his accounts with Lord Conway. Prays to be allowed to go home to perfect the same. What is remaining in his hands shall be presently paid.

April 1. St. Bartholomew's. 2. Mary Countess of Westmoreland to Sec. Dorchester. If her son have not the deputation of the Forest of Rockingham alone, she beseeches that Sir Lewis Watson (a gentlemen very able and always ready in his Majesty's service) may have no command over him.

April 1. Norwich. 3. John Hassall, Dean of Norwich, to the same. Their Bishop has the same power of calling preachers to the Cathedral which the Bishop of London has of summoning preachers to Paul's Cross. He describes the solemnity which attends these sermons, which are preached in the winter within the Cathedral, and from Easter to Michaelmas in a place called the Green Yard, where stands a pulpit very like Paul's Cross. This pulpit being lately re-edified is to be beautified with the arms of the King and three or four of their prime nobility. Requests him to send down his coat of arms for insertion by the next week's carts, the work being done whilst he is High Steward of the Church.

April 1. Ludlow Castle. 4. Sir John Bridge[man] to the same. Received his letter, with the King's command for holding Trinity Term in future at his Majesty's house at Tickenhill. Finds that all necessary provisions have been laid in at Ludlow, and that there is no provision at Tickenhill, nor can any be made that year without extraordinary charge, especially in that time of dearth. Desires to know the King's pleasure. [*Much mutilated.*]

April 1. 5. Note in the handwriting of Nicholas of answers to various petitions to the Lords of the Admiralty, directed to be given by Sec. Coke. Among the petitions are two from Capt. Jewell.

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April 1. 6. Petition of Abraham Sampson and William Caine, boatswain and gunner of the Fourth Whelp, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Their ship was lent to King's Lynn for guard of the ships of that town and others in that bay. She was employed above a year in that service. The towns will only pay for eight months. There is due to petitioners pay for 17 weeks more. Pray payment. *Underwritten,*

6. I. *Reference to the Officers of the Navy to certify what is due. Portsmouth,* 1631, *Aug.* 3.

6. II. *Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Certificate that there remains due for wages of petitioners* 15*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.*, *accrued due whilst the ship was in harbour at Lynn.*

April 1. 7. Petition of Capt. Walter Turner to the Lords of the Navy [Admiralty]. Sets forth his services in the expeditions to Cadiz, Rhé, Rochelle, Algiers, Guernsey and Jersey, and prays command of one of the ships now to be employed.

April 2. Westminster. 8. Sir Thomas Button to the Lords of the Admiralty. Mr. Alcock claims 45*l.* for provisions formerly supplied to Sir Thomas's pursers. Prays that the amount may be ordered to be satisfied, so that there may be no cause of stop to the service.

April 2. 9. Petition of Capt. Andrew Powlett to the same. Has long attended according to his Majesty's reference. Prays that he may have the command of the St. Claude.

April 2. Maidenhead. 10. Sir Thomas Button to Sec. Dorchester. In obedience to the command of the Lords left the town with all the speed he could, although his own affairs were in such distracted state that without his favour he is like to be ruined. Begs him to procure payment of a warrant upon the Treasurer of the Navy, overdue four years. If it be not done this next term he shall have such extents and judgments come on his lands that his wife and seven children will be turned a begging. The King took the warrant from the writer, and assured him that when the Sec. came to him he would give order for it. Another thing is that the writer having the custody of a fort in Ireland, young Mr. Skipwith had begged it over his head. Prays him to give stop to any such thing.

April 2. 11. Petition of Capt. Thomas March to Sec. Coke. Having attended 14 days for an answer to his petition to the Lords of the Admiralty (*see Vol.* clxxxvii., *No.* 5), during which time they have not held a court, prays the Sec. to give directions to Nicholas to write to the Mayors of Lynn and Boston, to call such as have not paid towards the expense of the Fourth Lion's Whelp before them, to show cause why they should not contribute.

April 2. Tower Hill. 12. Sir Sampson Darrell to Nicholas. Begs him to procure a warrant for four commissions, to enable him to buy corn and other provisions for his Majesty's service. Cannot possibly procure the

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delivery of the victuals, unless he can receive 1,000*l.*, according to the Lord Treasurer's promise. Hopes to behave himself so carefully as to hear his Lordship speak mildly, and not in thunder as he has done hitherto.

April 2. 13. Articles objected by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners against William Turner, of Oxford, printer, and Michael Sparke, James Bowler, and Solomon Turner, of London, booksellers. The defendants are charged with having printed, without licence, two books, "The Antithesis, &c." and "Lame Giles his Haltinges," and afterwards caused them to be bound and sold; also that they sent copies of the same for sale to booksellers at Cambridge; also that, without authority, they procured to be printed at Oxford by William Turner the Book of Promises, Markham's Method, Dent's Sermons of Repentance, five Sermons of Dr. Preston, Dent's Sermons in Welsh, and Ferrard's Prayers, books entered at Stationers' Hall to other men; that Sparke, although within 10 years past several times committed to prison and admonished, and although he promised to submit to his governors as other moderate men do, has yet been more refractory and offensive than ever; that he also seized and detained Richard Tomlins, a messenger of the chamber, charged to seize the Book of Promises and attach Sparke.

April 4. 14. John Nicholas to his son Edward Nicholas. Mr. William Herbert will speak to "my Lord" for a grant to Edward Nicholas of the writer's place in Claringdon [Clarendon?]. Suggests that it should be managed by a grant to both of them, and the longest liver, as "my Lord" does not like to grant reversions. Rumours that Sir Francis Cottington is in great favour, and shall be Secretary in Lord Dorchester's place. Mentions his son Butterworth and his daughter Elliot.

April 4. Dartmouth. 15. Mayor of Dartmouth to Henry Ashford, Sheriff of co. Devon. Reports state of the markets. Wheat at 10*s.* per bushel.

April $\frac{5}{15}$. Paris. 16. James Duke of Lennox to Sec. Dorchester. Thinks of going out of town in two or three days. His Majesty's deferring the writer's brother's going into England, will give him leisure to go through with his exercises.

April 5. 17. Petition of Capt. Thomas March to the Lords of the Admiralty. Answers the petition of some imbecile and weak people, the boatswain and gunner of the Fourth Lion's Whelp, who have complained without cause (*see No.* 6). He paid them 40*s.* a month for eight months. If they are entitled to the dead pay, the surplus of what he paid them when in service and for ship keeping will discharge it.

April 5. The Downs. 18. Capt. Francis Hooke to Nicholas. Explains his delay in reaching the Downs. A gunner's boy being sick was sent to his father's, where he died within two days of the sickness, and the house was shut up. Thought it little discretion in him to go presently aboard.

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April 5. Portsmouth. 19. Mayor and others of Portsmouth to Thomas Coteel, the younger, Sheriff of Hants, or Robert Poore, Under-sheriff. Report their execution of laws for relief of the poor. Not sufficient store of corn for 20 days. Residents in the town and liberties 600 persons at the least.

April 5. 20. Information of Robert Bridges of Hillere Land in Mailescott, in the parish of Bicknor, in the Forest of Dean, co. Gloucester. On 25 March 500 persons with two drums, two colours, and a fife, assembled themselves together armed with guns and pikes, and threw down near 100 perches of ditching newly made, and shot off pieces charged with bullets against deponent's house, which they threatened to pull down if he spake a word. They committed also many other acts of riot, ending by proclaiming with an "O yes!," that if deponent made the like work against Mayday next, they would be ready to do him the like service again. [*Copy.*]

April 6. 21. Petition of divers shopkeepers, tradesmen, artisans, and other citizens of London, to the King. Great deceit is practised in making gold weights with the King's stamp both in London and in Holland, which is the cause of extreme losses amongst the King's subjects. This abuse was formerly complained of in the Lord Mayor's Court, where it was examined and proved, and upon petition to the King it was referred to consideration, but nothing as yet settled. Pray redress. *Underwritten,*

21. I. *Reference to the Council. Whitehall,* 1631, *April* 6.

21. II. *Order for the Lord Mayor to send in, by Wednesday next, the proceedings and proofs mentioned in the petition. Whitehall,* 1631, *June* 1.

April 6. 22. Petition of Elizabeth, wife of William Rathborne, [Rathbone?] of Franckby, co. Chester, to the King. Being married to her said husband, and living with him in an orderly manner, she was, by cunning practices of William Bryerton, John Griffith, and others, drawn into Wales, and there so wrought upon that she married with Bryerton, with whom she continued but one day and night. Understanding that, although not legally questioned (*see Vol.* clxxxvi., *No.* 38), she has incurred the offence of felony, she prays for a pardon. *Underwritten,*

22. I. *Minute that the King grants the petitioner a pardon, and refers the preparation of the same to the Attorney General. Whitehall,* 1631, *April* 6.

April 6. Whitehall. 23. Order of Council. By letters from the Ambassador at Constantinople, and the complaint of the merchants trading in the Levant Seas, it appeared that the Grand Signor had forbidden the transport of corn out of his dominions, and had proceeded with great severity against some offenders. It is therefore ordered that none of his Majesty's subjects, upon pain of his displeasure and the uttermost penalties, and paying damages which the Levant merchants may incur, shall export any corn out of the Grand Signor's dominions in the Archipelago or elsewhere. [*Much faded.*]

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April 6. From her house. 24. Mary Countess of Westmoreland to Sec. Dorchester. Was loth too much to disorder his eating hour, much more to keep him in the cold, therefore writes to urge him to use his influence to prevent her son being ousted from the Keepership of the Forest of Rockingham. Shows the inconvenience of grants to other persons and the consequent diminution of her son's influence.

April 6. Windsor. 25. Thomas Horne to the same. Recommends to his favour a young man who has lived in the houses of the Bishop of Chichester and Mr. Windebank, and is now in that of Judge Whitelock. He is accused to have counterfeited the King's signet. He was not in the [Signet] Office during the period within which the offence was committed. He was hired to write in the office during the time of Mr. Windebank's waiting.

April 6. 26. Sir Henry Frankland to Sir John Gibson, Sheriff of co. York. For the wapentakes of Birdforth and Allertonshire, he is the only person in the commission of the peace. Lord Fauconberg and his son are in London; Sir Thomas Dawney lives altogether in the West Riding.

April 6. 27. Declaration of Capt. Lancelot Alford. Was called from the service of the States at the instigation of Sir William St. Leger. Has received all entertainments accrued due from his Majesty, but never had any gratuity.

April 7. Whitehall. 28. The King to Attorney General Heath. Warrant to prepare a commission for the repair of the cathedral church of St. Paul in London, directed to Commissioners mentioned in a paper annexed, and in a form thereunder written. *Annexed,*

28. I. *List of intended Commissioners.*

28. II. *Form of commencement of intended Commission. Underwritten,*

28. III. *Form of intended Commission.*

April 7. Bristol. 29. Sir Thomas Button to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays them to send down the 45*l.* claimed by Mr. Alcock, or order Mr. Willett to pay it, until when they will not put on board the Ninth Whelp the month's provision to carry her for Ireland. If his creditors take any hard course against him or his estate, by reason of his sudden departure without receiving money, beseeches the Lords to send for them.

April 7. 30. Petition of William Cox, late gunner of the Maria, to the same. The pinnace Maria being ordered for sale, he was discharged without payment. The sale of the pinnace being now restrained, he prays that he may be restored, or order taken for his future employment and payment of the money due to him.

April 7. 31. Sec. Dorchester to Sir Henry Marten. It is the King's pleasure that he proceed with the cause touching the Portugal prize brought into Dartmouth by Daniel Vandenburgh, captain of the Middleburgh, of Middleburgh. [*Copy.*]

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April 7. Minute of request of Mr. Chamber that the Sec. would cause his petition for transportation of pipe staves to be read at the Committee to which it was referred by the Council. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

April 8. 32. The King to Bishop Laud of London, President, and to the Chapter of St. Paul's. That church being destitute of a principal minister, by the decease of Dr. Donne, the late Dean, the King had appointed for supply thereof, Thomas Winniff, D.D. and Dean of Gloucester. They are to proceed forthwith to his election. [*Copy.*]

April 8. Stockton. 33. John Toppe, Sheriff of Wilts, to the Council. Reports price of corn, which had decreased; names of Justices in the several divisions of the county, and what had been their proceedings. Many apprentices had been bound, and where the watches are duly kept, vagabonds and wanderers suddenly vanish.

[April 8 ?] 34. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex, of measures taken for relief of the poor in the rape of Hastings.

April 8. 35. Mary Countess of Westmoreland to Sec. Dorchester. Hopes her putting him in mind to speak with Lord Holland, frees her son of any neglect towards his Lordship. Hearing his patent is passed, supposes he will not defer resolving.

April 9. The Garland, in the Downs. 36. Capt. John Mennes to Nicholas. His victuals will be spent on Tuesday next. Hears that four pirates once in four or five days make Torbay their rendezvous, and do much mischief. Two East India ships have arrived, and a Dutchman from the West Indies, very rich in silver, but he will acknowledge no such matter. He stays for a convoy.

April 10. Canbury. 37. The King to Sir Robert Ducie, Lord Mayor, Archbishop Abbot, Lord Keeper Coventry, Archbishop Harsnet, Lord Treasurer Weston, Henry Earl of Manchester, Keeper of the Privy Seal, Robert Earl of Lindsey, Lord High Chamberlain, Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Earl Marshal, Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Chamberlain, Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Lord Warden, Edward Earl of Dorset, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, the Earls of Salisbury, Exeter, Carlisle, Holland, and Danby, Viscount Wimbledon, Sec. Dorchester, Lord President Wentworth, Viscount Falkland, Bishops of London, Winchester, Ely, and Norwich, Edward Lord Newburgh, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household, Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household, Sir Thomas Jermyn, Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, Sec. Coke, Sir Francis Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Robert Naunton, Master of the Court of Wards, Sir Julius Cæsar, Master of the Rolls, Chief Justices Hyde and Richardson, Sir Heneage Finch, Recorder, Sir Robert Heath, Attorney General, Sir Richard Sheldon, Solicitor General, Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the Prerogative Court, Aldermen Sir William Bulstrode and Sir Thomas Middleton, Sir

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Henry Spiller, Sir Robert Pye, Aldermen Sir Hugh Hammersley and Sir James Cambell, Dr. Thomas Winniff, Dean of St. Paul's, Nicholas Raynton, Ralph Freeman, Rowland Heylyn, Robert Parkhurst, Richard Fenn, Sir Maurice Abbot, Henry Garway and Sir William Acton, Aldermen, Dr. John Mountford, and Dr. Henry King, Residentiaries of St. Paul's, Francis Windebank, one of the Clerks of the Signet, William Noy, William Hackwell, Edward Wymark, and Robert Bateman, Chamberlain of London. Commission for the repair of St. Paul's, London. [*Printed, 4to. Lond.* 1631.]

April 10. The Hay Castle. 38. Thomas Gwyn, Sheriff of co. Brecknock, to the Council, Has received certificate that on the 1st inst. wheat was sold in the market of the Hay, being the chief corn market of that county, for 7*s.* the bushel.

April 10. Hinton. 39. John Lord Poulett to Sec. Dorchester. The return of his sick child with so much amendment has much revived a sick father. The writer is much joyed that his Majesty was pleased to touch his poor child with his blessed hands. whereby God's blessing accompanying that means he has given the writer a child which he had so little hope to keep that he gave directions for her bones, doubting she would never be able to return, but she is come safely home and mends every day in her health. Thanks to himself and his noble lady, for having been troubled with such a guest. Thanks also for his care of the gentlemen recommended to his favour.

April 11. Holywaie. [Holloway ?] 40. Edmund Saeller to Sec. Coke. Burett writes that by reason of the Emperor's and King of Spain's soldiers, who are quartered in and about their city, his coming over has been deferred. As soon as the States' armies are in the field, he hopes they shall be freed of them, and then he intends to repair hither.

April 11. Tehidie. 41. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Announces detention of two Biscayan men-of-war suspected of piracy. On inquiry one was discharged, when the Captain of the other made the Marshal's deputy drunk, and all of them got away, killing one of the townsmen who endeavoured to stay them. Has written to Bristol, Wales, and along the North Channel, where they are gone.

April 11. Queenborough. 42. Certificate of Nicholas Simpson, Mayor of Queenborough, that John de Lew [Leuw] of Campvere, Master of the Virgin, coming from Colchester to Queenborough, was chased by a Dunkirker, and ran his ship ashore on the Isle of Sheppey, whereupon the Dunkirker took the ship off the shore and carried her away.

April. 11. St. Albans. 43. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to Sir John Boteler, Sheriff. Report the measures for relief of the poor adopted in St. Albans, and that part of the hundred of Cashio. [*Mem. by Sir John Boteler that that return was certified to the Council.*]

April 12. Whitehall. 44. The Council to Capt. John Mennes. Capt. Peter Andrewes is lately come from Virginia in a ship laden with tobacco, now in

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Plymouth. He intends to convey the same into the Low Countries contrary to the King's proclamation. If he come into any place where Capt. Mennes remains, he is to compel him to give good security for bringing the tobacco to the Custom-house in London.

April 12. 45. Justices of Peace for co. Hants to the Council. Report their care of the markets and observation of the laws for relief of the poor within the division of the New Forest. Wheat is at 7*s.* 6*d.* the bushel.

April 12. Castle of Haverford West. 46. John Laugharne, Sheriff of co. Pembroke, to the same. Has received certificates from the Justices of Peace that the strike of wheat containing eight gallons is sold at 4*s.* 10*d.*

April 12. Glemham. 47. Sir Thomas Glemham to Sec. Dorchester. Is pressed to move him on behalf of Thomas Hoarth, of Yarmouth, who has a difference with the Greenland Company. His suit is, to receive quick despatch. He lost last year 2,000*l.* by being stayed when he was ready to go for Greenland.

April 12. 48. Henry Viscount Falkland to the same. Sends the paper which he called for yesterday respecting the matter referred to him. As he has a heart sensible of hard measure, and confirmed to endure calamity with patience as long as it is possible to sustain it, so has he a nature apt to melt in gratitude. Sends to entertain him the three books which he promised him. *Inclosed,*

48. I. *Note of such claims as Viscount Falkland makes to be due to him from his Majesty. They comprise* 3,000*l. paid nine years since as the late King's bounty to the two sisters of the present Earl of Home;* 20,000*l. reward promised him for his service in Ireland; and* 8,000*l. for the fourth part of his entertainments unpaid during his government of Ireland.*

April 12. Christ Church, Oxford. 49. Dr. Bryan Duppa to the same. Has entered Lord Bayning's name as commoner at the Canons' table, where his diet will be very good, though not altogether in that height it was lately grown to, three or four good dishes being now the ordinary stint. His tutor is Chaworth, younger brother of the Viscount of that name, and only unhappy that he is a younger brother. There wants nothing but a lodging, which the Sec. may obtain by speaking to the Bishop of Peterborough, now in London, who intends to reside at Peterborough.

April 12. 50. Petition of William Pett to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth past services and losses by shipwreck, imprisonment in France and at Dunkirk, and loss of two of his sons and two servants, cast away in the Sixth Whelp. Prays to be appointed master of the Fortune, pink. *Annexed,*

50. I. *Certificate of Phineas Pett and others, of the competency of the petitioner.* 1631, *April* 11.

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April 12. Blandford. 51. Justices of Peace for co. Dorset to Sir John Meller, the Sheriff. Certificate that they had held their monthly meeting for the division of Blandford, and, upon information, had levied divers sums of money upon alehouse-keepers, for small measures and unlawful entertainment, and also upon drunkards, Sabbath breakers, and profane swearers, and had distributed the amount to the poor for their relief. They had also caused rates to be made, and had done other acts in execution of the laws for relief of the poor.

[April 12.] 52. Another undated return similar to the preceding.

April 12. Beaminster. 53. Other Justices of Peace for co. Dorset to the same. Return in the same words as the preceding for the division of Bridport.

[April 12?] 54. Other Justices of Peace for co. Dorset to the same. Similar return for the division of Sherborne.

April 12. Basingstoke. 55. Justices of Peace for co. Hants to Thomas Coteel, the younger, Sheriff of that county. Return for Basingstoke division. Wheat at Basingstoke market fell last week from 10*s.* the bushel to 8*s.* By reason of discontinuance of the work which the clothiers were wont to afford to spinners, weavers, and others, complaint daily increases. They have caused the rates to be increased, and watches are kept by night and wards by day.

April 13. St. Bride's. 56. John Laugharne, Sheriff of co. Pembroke, to the Council. Sends list of Justices of Peace for that county, arranged according to their several divisions, for execution of the laws for relief of the poor, and suppression of vagabonds. *Inclosed,*

56. I. *List of Justices above mentioned.*

April 13. 57. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report on a petition of the widow of —— Rutelish, formerly purser of the St. Claude, for payment of 39*l.* 4*s.* due to her husband. Sir Allen Apsley not having made any demand for allowance of the same, they think the Treasurer of the Navy should be authorized to include it in his next estimate. *Inclosed,*

57. I. *Copy reference of the petition to the Commissioners of the Navy. Whitehall,* 1627, *Nov.* 2.

57. II. *Copy report of the Commissioners of the Navy, recommending that the amount should be answered by the Surveyor of Marine Victuals.* 1628, *April* 30.

57. III. *Copy certificate of Stephen Alcock that the amount above mentioned had not been demanded or allowed by or to Sir Allen Apsley.* 1631, *April* 3.

April 13. 58. Sir John Heydon to —— Prickles. Cannot alter anything which the Lords Committees [of the Council of War] have determined. His answer to Mr. Boswell's last letters will express his opinion. [*The question related to the charge to be allowed the armourers, for new russetting a corslet of the modern fashion.*]

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April 13. 59. Certificate of inhabitants of Lutterworth, co. Leicester, that John Price of that town is a forestaller, and prevents their getting corn to relieve their poor.

April 14. London House. 60. Bishop Laud to Sir John Lambe at Rowell, co. Northampton. Was confident without his promise that Sir John would never call the writer *ad testificandum*, but if he had been ready for mirth, might have made good sport with he knows whom about it, "for "that's the way to Winchester." Observes that he has become a great courtier of late. Green's Norton being in the King's gift, he can give the Bishop notice of the sickness of the incumbent; but Sudborough being in the poor Bishop of London's gift, and under Sir John's nose at Rowell, he can send him no word of it, though the parson be as dangerously sick as he of Green's Norton. To make amends, begs him to ride over to Sudborough, and if the living be void, to send exact word how far it is distant from Brackley.

April 14. 61. Bond of John Whaley, of Clerkenwell, gentleman, and William Clarke, of St. Clement Danes, in 100*l.*, for appearance of the former at the Council table, within 20 days after notice. [*Copy.*]

April 14. 62. ——— to Sir Francis Wenman. Sends him a letter to be conveyed to Sir Lucius Cary, whom he hears to be his neighbour, being in answer to one the writer lately received from him, he knows not from whence. Desires it may lie till he may deliver it without trouble. The contents will always be new enough, as the style he puts the writer to is altogether so to him; but he has learned to obey in all things indifferent, and being his servant must him (*sic*) in that. Hears the deed of uses is in the hands of one Watkins, a solicitor of causes. Thinks it would be better in those of Sir Francis or Sir Henry Rainsford. [*Copy.*]

April 15. 63. Petition of Charles Griffith to the King. His Majesty referred a petition once annexed, to the Justices of Assizes for co. Montgomery, who have certified their opinion thereon. Prays order to the Attorney General to draw a pardon. *Underwritten,*

63. 1. *Reference to the Attorney General as prayed. Whitehall,* 1631, *April* 15.

April 15. 64. Petition of Capt. John Powell to the Council of War, or the Committees thereof. Was called from the Low Countries for his Majesty's service, and at the landing in the Isle of Rhé, in the first charge from the French horse, received three dangerous shots, whereby he remains maimed in both arms, that he cannot apparel nor scarce feed himself without help. Prays relief. *Annexed,*

64. 1. *Certificate of Sir Peregrine Bertie setting forth the circumstances under which petitioner was wounded in the Isle of Rhé.* 1631, *April* 15.

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April 15. Milk Street. 65. Francis Morice to Nicholas. Understood by Sec. Coke that the Lords of the Admiralty are about to write to the Lords Justices of Ireland for reimbursing the charge of the two Lion's Whelps which are to serve on that coast. Sec. Coke also advised Morice to deliver to Nicholas the proportions of the charge in the Ordnance Office to be added to the charge in the Navy. Extraordinary occasions prevent his attending Nicholas; if needful for him to attend the Lords of the Admiralty, begs him to send word.

April 15. St. John's College, Oxford. 66. President and others of St. John's College to Bishop Laud. If their gratitude were mute, the very stones of their college would, like the statue of Memnon, commemorated by Tacitus, give forth music to his glory. Thank him for the buildings by which he was adorning their house. Lat.

April 15. Shaftesbury. 67. Mayor and others of Shaftesbury to Sir John Meller, Sheriff of Dorset. Certify their care to keep down the price of corn and to put in execution the laws for relief of the poor. Wheat about 8*s.* the bushel.

April 15. 68. Presentments of the Constables within the Five Allotments of the north part of the hundred of Bradford, co. Salop, made to Justices of Peace for that county acting within that division, on 18th March last and this day, as to vagrants punished and relief of the poor.

April 15. [Madrid.] 69. Gabriel Hippisley to Endymion Porter. Hears from his cousin Fotherley, as well as from Porter's own letters, that he has got the King's hand to the writer's "business," for which he gives him thanks. Has heard Porter's mistress sing, and shall ever commend his judgment. She is the rarest of the world. Great want of bread throughout Spain. They have had much frost and snow, but now extremity of heat. Fracas respecting a young gentleman who sought sanctuary at the Ambassador's. Many solemn processions and great discipline of whipping during Lent. Some four or five killed themselves with whipping. Two English gentlemen have lately come into Spain, the second son of Sir Francis Popham, who says he is Porter's kinsman, and a son of Mr. Nott, the mercer within Temple Bar.

April 15. 70. Declaration of Richard Bolle, sergeant-major, as to his being called out of the Low Countries by Sir William St. Leger, and his wounds received in the King's service; authenticated in parts by Viscount Wimbledon and Sir Peregrine Bertie.

April 15. 71. Receipt of Edward Dymock from Sir Miles Fleetwood, of 19*l.* 7*s.*, certified by Capt. George Fleetwood to be due to Robert Ravenscroft, his lieutenant; there was also due to him the month's means allowed for transport. [*Attested copy.*]

April 15. 72. Answers to certain propositions and resolutions of a Committee upon the subject of a proposed fishery in Scotland, in the handwriting of Sec. Coke. [*Much damaged.*]

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April 16. 73. Petition of the Master and others of the Trinity House to the King. Their Corporation has ever peaceably enjoyed the office of lasting and ballasting of ships in the Thames, paying thereout by the King's order to Capt. Thomas Porter 50*l.* per annum. John Gilbert by one patent and John Johnson by another, on pretence of new engines, aim at depriving petitioners of their rights, and if their grants should pass the seal the same would occasion much suit. To avoid this end petitioners lately preferred a petition, which on the 29th January 1630, was referred to the Lord Keeper. Pray that they may enjoy their office as formerly, the Lord Keeper being absolute that the office properly belongs to the Corporation of the Trinity House. *Underwritten,*

73. 1. *Reference to the Lords of the Admiralty to report, and in the meantime all grants to be stayed. Whitehall,* 1631, *April* 16.

April 16. 74. The same to the same. Copy of the preceding petition and reference.

April 16. 75. Petition of Richard Litchfield to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having served three years as cook in the St. George, and his wife being very sickly, he prays permission to resign his place to Lewis Kingsbery.

April 16. Whitehall. 76. Minute by Nicholas of business to be considered by the Lords of the Admiralty at their meeting this day. The cases of Hannibal Bonithon and William Bardwell; Sir Henry Palmer's demands for pay; a new commission for saltpetre; and the difference between Sir William Russell and Sir Thomas Aylesbury are among the matters to be discussed.

April 16. 77. Order of the Court of Delegates in the cause between John Maria Salvioni and others, Venetians, against the Levant Company, addressed to Sir Henry Marten. 2,659*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*, deposited in the Court of Admiralty in this cause, is to be delivered out to the Levant Company upon security.

April 16. Whitehall. 78. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty, that if any master having charge of any ship passing the mansion-house of Greenwich whilst the King, Queen, Prince, or standing house be there resident, do not, according to ancient custom, strike his topsails to the cap of the mast and shoot off some pieces of ordnance, the person addressed, who seems by Nicholas's minutes No. 76 to have been "the Porter" [of Greenwich Palace], is to arrest such master, and detain him until he make condign satisfaction. [*Copy.*]

April 16. Oxford. 79. John Phippes to George Melsam, at the Earl of Lindsey's house in Westminster. Regrets to hear that it is doubtful whether the Earl will hold his patent for Shotover and Stow-wood, not for his lordship himself, for the [King] and all England know that he has deserved five times a better thing, but for the city and commons about Oxford. Lord Dorchester will not be persuaded but the going down of the trees will hurt the University; the writer will prove that it will very much advantage them.

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April 16. 80. Bailiff and others of Great Yarmouth to the Sheriff of Norfolk. Certify their execution of the orders for relief of the poor. They had raised 481*l.* this last year for the poor. There has not in former years been raised more than 330*l.* The corporation expend yearly 1,000*l.* for the maintenance of their haven and piers.

April 16. 81. Receipt of E. Caldwall for 10*l.*, a quarter's rent due to William Caldwall, by Edw. Nicholas, for a house, garden, stable, and coach-house in Axe Court and King Street, Westminster.

April 16. 82. Minute of the Report of Attorney General Heath, upon a petition of Patrick Craford and Matthew Birkenhead (*See Vol.* clxxxvii., *No.* 62), respecting additional restrictions upon the passage of unlicensed persons from Bristol and other Western ports; with further notes of the Attorney General upon the same subject.

April 17. Rochford. 83. Robert Earl of Warwick to Sec. Dorchester. Received his intimation of the King's pleasure that the Earl should come to London to attend him. Will not fail to do so on Thursday. On the morrow he goes to the Quarter Sessions, whither he has summoned the Justices of Peace and Deputy Lieutenants to consider the King's directions about their markets and poor.

April 17. 84. Sec. Dorchester to Sir George More. There being extraordinary occasion to look into precedents touching proceedings with prisoners in the Tower, the King desires him to search into such writings as he retains respecting his Lieutenancy, touching Lord Somerset's trial, for the manner and time, how and when, it was made known to the Earl, and the liberty which was afterwards granted to him. If Sir George's health permits, the King would have him bring them himself. If not, he is to write at large. [*Draft.*]

April 18. 85. Justices of Peace for Hants to Thomas Coteel, Sheriff. Certify their execution of the Book of Orders for relief of the poor. Divers of the highways being out of repair they intend to levy the penalties of the Statute upon the overseers and employ them according to the same.

April 18. Nicholas to Stephen Alcock. By direction of the Lords of the Admiralty sends him letter received from Sir Thomas Button, and requests an answer this night or to-morrow morning. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, p.* 92.]

April 19. 86. The King to Anthony Abdy and Robert Cambell, Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. Warrant to deliver out of Newgate Charles Stewart and Robert Downes, convicted of several felonies, but reprieved as persons to be employed in the King's service. [*Copy.*]

April 19. 87. Edward Earl of Dorset, Edward Viscount Wimbledon, Henry Viscount Falkland, and Horace Lord Vere, Lords Committees of the Council of War, to whom the King had referred the business of relieving the Company of Workmen Armourers and Gunmakers, to

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the end that his Majesty in time of war might not have to seek arms abroad, to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a commission to certain armourers, pikemakers, gunmakers and bandalier makers, for making and repairing all the arms of the kingdom, upon terms expressed in a paper annexed. [*Much damaged by damp.*] *Annexed,*

87. 1. *List of the new rates and prices for arms and armour for horse and foot, set down by the Lords Committees above mentioned.* 1631, *April* 19.

April 19. 88. Report of the Lords Committees of the Council of War mentioned in the preceding article to the King. Set forth their proceedings in connexion with the matter referred to them, and explain their reasons for directing the preparation of the commission which forms the subject of the preceding article. [*Draft.*]

[April 19?] 89. Brief of the particular proceedings concerning the business of making and repairing the common arms of the kingdom, drawn up [by William Boswell] in conformity with a resolution of the Lords Committees of the Council of War of the 7th March last, that thereby the Lords of that Committee might prepare the preceding report of their proceedings to the King. [*Draft.*]

April 19. Wimbledon House. 90. Minutes of the proceedings of the before-mentioned Lords Committees of the Council of War this day. [*Draft.*]

April 19. Northampton, in open Sessions. 91. Justices of Peace of co. Northampton to the Council, in reply to letters of complaint of the high price of corn. The markets have not at any time been scanted with corn, and the prices are something abated.

April 19. Chelmsford. 92. Justices of Peace for Essex to the same, in reply to similar letters of complaint. The prices of corn are decreasing. The poor suffer much in respect of the high prices of corn, yet they are in far greater misery in the most populous parts of the country, by reason that the clothiers forbear to set the weavers on work, alleging that they have already disbursed more than they are able, and that their cloths lie upon their hands, which has occasioned many complaints of the poor weavers, and a more than ordinary resort of them unto the Justices at their present Sessions.

April 19. Hereford. 93. Justices of Peace for co. Hereford to the same, in reply as before. Prices have rather fallen than risen.

April 19. Stafford. 94. Justices of Peace of co. Stafford to the same. Copy letter of which the original is inclosed in a letter of the Sheriff of the county, dated the 21st inst. (*see Vol.* clxxxix., *No.* 1.) [*Dated by mistake 16th instead of 19th, which is the date of the original.*]

April 19. 95. Capt. John Mennes to Lord Treasurer Weston. Received warrants to stay a ship from Virginia whereof Capt. Andrewes was captain, also the Love and the Christopher and Mary. The two former had passed before and are believed to be now in London.

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Great storm which would not suffer his boat to go ashore. Is in Margate Roads awaiting victuals. Had he not had some stores of his own, they had endured much misery. Thursday last was the end of their stores.

April 19. Sessions at Oxford. 96. Justices of Peace for co. Oxford to Sir John Lacy, Sheriff. Report their proceedings as to markets and relief of the poor. [*Copy.*]

April 20. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 97. Mayor and others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. Certify their proceedings as Commissioners for conservancy of the river Tyne, from Michaelmas 1630 to Easter 1631.

April 20. Newport in Wight. 98. Richard Jolliff to Nicholas. Has sent up the account of the Dolphin to Mr. Reed who is one of the executors of the late Lord Conway. Hopes this will content Mr. Powell until the writer can come up himself, on Saturday after May day, having to prosecute certain persons who broke open his warehouse and stole goods to the value of 100*l.*, and also to take a journey almost to Plymouth.

April 20. London. 99. Capt. John Mason to the same. Requests him to advance 24*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* for their ship the London Merchant, for which at her return in ten months there will be due to him 50*l.*

April 20/30. St. Sebastian. 100. Prestwick Eaton to his brother George Willingham, at the sign of the Golden Anchor in St. Swithin's Lane, London. Has received no news from him since his arrival. Could not return his 20*l.* as yet. On the departure of the Nathaniel, by which he sent this letter, would go for Bayonne to set straight his business there. Mentions his sister (Willingham's wife) and his aunt Lewis "and "him."

April 20. Counterpart of Indenture, whereby Edward Burby, of London, clerk, and Thomas Cleave, citizen and haberdasher, in consideration of 330*l.*, assign to Francis Burt, citizen and poulter, a messuage in the parish of St. Peter, in Cornhill, for the residue of a term of 41 years, created therein by an indenture of the 30th July, in the 9th of King James I., subject to the yearly rent of 5*l.* [*Case B., Car. I., No.* 3.]

April 20. 101. Mayor and others of Winchester to Thomas Coteel, Sheriff of Hants. Return as to their measures for relief of the poor and supply of the markets. Wheat is at 7*s.* a bushel.

April 20. 102. Justices of Peace for co. Cambridge to Thomas Terrell, Sheriff. Certify their measures for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Longstow and Armingford, in that county.

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April 21. Stafford. 1. William Wollaston, Sheriff of co. Stafford, to the Council. Sends answer of the Justices of Peace to a recent letter of the Council concerning the price of corn. *Inclosed,*

1. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Stafford to the Council. They have adopted the measures directed by the Book of Orders, but there are great abuses in Lichfield, Stafford, and Tamworth, corporate towns into which they have no authority to enter. Stafford,* 1631, *April* 19.

April 21. 2. Certificate of Attorney General Heath that petty customs are an overplus of customs, paid by strangers more than by natural-born subjects.

April 21. St. John's College, Oxford. 3. John Lufton to Bishop Laud, Chancellor of the University of Oxford, indorsed by the Bishop, "about his taking care of my "buildings." The merits of the Bishop are insisted upon towards the Church and the State, towards the University, and what touches the members of that college more nearly, in the improvement of their residences. Lat.

April 21. Halberton. 4. Certificate of thirty-six persons, addressed to the Judges of the Court of Delegates, attesting the fidelity of Robert Chave, in his service of Nicholas Turner, of Rawridge, in the parish of Halberton, co. Devon.

April 21. Wimbledon House. Minute of order of the Committee of the Council of War on the petition of Henry Higgens, that Julian Calandrini is to make present payment to him of 13*l.*, vouched to be due to him by Sir Thomas Conway. [*See* 1631, *March* 31, *Vol.* clxxxvii., *No.* 68.]

April 21. 5. Justices of Peace for co. Devon to Henry Ashford, Sheriff. Wheat is now at 12*s.* the bushel, and some higher, though their measure is the least in the county, barley and pease at 8*s.*, and they much doubt that it is not at the highest. The poor complain that they cannot get corn for money, and the ratepayers of the amount of the rate. In some parishes they have given order for the billeting of divers poor children of such as by their labour cannot support them.

April 21. 6. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Kent, of all the corn in the hundreds annexed to the lathe of Shepway. The return for the town of Ashford is 17 quarters of wheat, 27 of barley, 3 of oats, 191 of barley malt, and 13 of oaten malt.

April 22. Westminster. 7. The King to Attorney General Heath. Warrant to prepare a pardon for John Burges, son of John Burges of Westminster, who stands outlawed on the coroner's inquest for the death of Bevis Wrongrey, and was then in prison, with a non obstante of the statute of Richard II. in this case provided.

April 22. Whitehall. Order of Council made on petition of the merchants of Exeter, calendared *Vol.* clxxxix., *No.* 84. The commission prayed for was

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ordered to be issued by the Lords of the Admiralty, the Lords of the Council writing their letters to stir up the merchants of other places to contribution. *Underwritten,*

1. *Statement by Nicholas of the opinion of Sir Henry Marten against issuing any such Commission, with his reasons given for that opinion.* [*Copy in Vol. of Admiralty Collections,* DOMESTIC, CHARLES I., 1631, *p.* 657.]

April 22. 8. Sir John Gibson, Sheriff of co. York, to the Council. Incloses list of Justices of Peace to whom he had delivered the letters and books of orders received from the Council, together with such certificates for corn and the relief of the poor as he had received. *Inclosed,*

8. I. *List of Justices of Peace above mentioned.* 1631, *April* 22.

8. II. *Justices of Peace for co. York to Sir John Gibson, Sheriff. Measures taken for supply of corn within the vicarage of Halifax. Halifax,* 1631, *Jan.* 15.

8. III. *Mayor and others of Doncaster to the same. Certificate of similar measures, and of others adopted for relief of the poor. Doncaster,* 1631, *March* 5.

8. IV. *Justices of Peace for co. York to the same. Certify measures taken for relief of the poor within Wilton Beacon and Holme Beacon, in the East Riding.* 1631, *March* 10.

8. V. *Other Justices for the same county to the same. Certify measures for relief of the poor and supply of corn within Bradford and Haworth. Bradford,* 1631, *March* 14.

8. VI. *Certificate of John Kaye, Justice of Peace for the same county, as to the price of corn for the wapentake of Agbrigg. Denby Grange,* 1631, *March* 17.

8. VII. *Other Justices of Peace for the same county to the Sheriff. Certify names of Justices of Peace for the wapentake of Ryedale, in the North Riding, and that of Buckrose, in the East Riding. Stittenham,* 1631, *March* 23.

8. VIII. *The like to the same. Certify names of Justices of Peace for the division of Langbargh, in the North Riding. York,* 1631, *March* 23.

8. IX. *The like to the same. Certify the divisions of Justices in the southernmost part of the West Riding, the state of the markets, and care of the poor in Staincross, Tickhill, and Strafford. They had* 14,000 *quarters of corn to spare for the markets of Rotherham, Barnsley, and Sheffield.* 1631, *March* 25.

8. X. *Mayor and others of Beverley to the same. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor.*

8. XI. *Further certificate of John Kaye as to the price of corn at Wakefield. Denby Grange,* 1631, *April* 21.

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April 22. 9. Justices of Peace for Hants to the Council. Certificate of the corn remaining in the hundreds of Fawley, Bountisborough, and Mainsborough.

April 22. 10. Dr. John Young, Dean of Winchester, and other Justices of Peace for the same county, to Thomas Coteel the younger, Sheriff. Certificate of the supply of corn, and its price; division not named.

April 22. 11. The same to the same. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Mansbridge and Buddlesgate, and the liberty of the Soke.

April 22. Nottingham. 12. Justices of Peace for co. Nottingham to the Council. Recite their past certificates respecting corn. Unless supplies be brought when carriages come down to the coal pits corn will be at a greater rate, for all men's barns are now empty. State the measures they have adopted. In this time of dearth they have little rest at home or abroad, and find many difficulties to content poor people.

April 22. Buntingford. 13. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to the same. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor for the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey.

April 22. 14. Petition of Robert South and Wm. Cave, for the Company of Cutlers of London, to Henry Earl of Danby, Edward Viscount Wimbledon, Henry Viscount Falkland, and Horatio Lord Vere, Committees for the Company of the Armourers and Gunmakers. Pray to be joined in the commission with the Armourers and Gunmakers for supplying swords. *Underwritten,*

14. 1. *Minute of the answer of the Committee above mentioned. They hold it very fit that the petitioners and some others of the Company of Cutlers be joined in the Commission now to be engrossed by the Attorney General, whereof Sir John Heydon, Mr. Boswell, and all others are to take notice.* 1631, *April* 22.

April 23. Lewes. 15. Justices of Peace for Sussex to the Council. Return as to the supply of corn within the rape of Lewes. There is sufficient to serve the people, and to help the wildish parts of the county. The poor buy chiefly barley for their bread, which is sold at 5*s.*, and wheat at 8*s.* the bushel.

April 23. 16. Other Justices of Peace for the same county to the same. Certify the measures for relief of the poor in the rape of Bramber.

April 23. Melton Mowbray. 17. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the same. They sent copy of their Lordships' letter for laying open inclosures to Mr. John St. John, but the inclosures by him newly made all continue as they were. Return quantity of corn in hand in the hundred of Framland, and their careful execution of the book of orders.

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April 23. 18. Commissioners for composition for Knighthood in co. Derby to the Council. With so many as came before them they made "gree" for their several fines, and the total, amounting to 2,421*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, was paid into the Exchequer in November last. They also returned a list of defaulters, whose compositions amounted to 800*l.* or thereabouts.

April 23. Canbury. 19. Lord Keeper Coventry to Sec. Dorchester. Mr. Sergeant Powell, employed for summoning the Peers for trial of Lord Audley, brings word that the Earl of Hertford and Lords Hervey and Powis are not in town, and that the Earl of Suffolk is lame. There will remain but 23, and the King's pleasure is to have 25, if not 27. Begs him to take the King's pleasure for supplying the number, and adding their names to the Sergeant's schedule. *Inclosed,*

19. I. *Names of Peers between the King and Mervyn Lord Audley, with notes thereon by Sec. Dorchester, and the marginal addition of the Earl of Worcester, Viscount Conway, and Lords Petre and Howard, to supply the four above mentioned.*

April 23. Whitehall. 20. Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Chamberlain, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Since the King has committed to him the Vice-Admiralty for South Wales, he is bound to let them know that the King's service suffers much in those parts for want of a Judge and Registrar. Sir Wm. Rives, the King's Advocate, has promised to go down thither this summer to redress abuses, if they will grant him commission, and Lewis Davies, of Haverfordwest, is willing to undergo the registership upon the like terms. One Lort, against whom there is a commission on foot for wreck, is labouring to procure a grant of wrecks all along his lands, which he hopes they will conceive may prove prejudicial.

April 23. 21. Minutes by Nicholas of businesses to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty this day. Among them are, appointment of captains and masters for ships ordered for guard of the Narrow Seas; order to take the accounts of all the collectors of tenths; the cases of Bardwell against Sir William Withypoll and Lieut. Bonithon.

April 23. 22. Governors of Christ's Hospital to the Council. Report of the means and revenues of the hospital, and how the same are laid out; being an account of the receipts and expenses for the last year. The annual income of the hospital, derived from rents of lands and tenements, was 2,090*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.*; from annuities given to the hospital it was 251*l.* 7*s.* 9*d.*; from duties of hallage of cloth brought to market at Blackwell Hall it was 1,100*l.* 10*s.* 11½*d.*; from legacies, 607*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; from the children's going to burials, 92*l.*; and these uncertain receipts had been made up by fines of leases, benevolences, and collections in several parishes, to 2,283*l.* 8*s.* 6*d.*, which made a general total of receipts of 4,625*l.* 3*s.* The payments for the same period were 5,003*l.* 13*s.* 11½*d.* Among

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1631. these were payments for quit rents and for annuities, charged by donors upon lands given to the hospital (of which last there is a particular account), 437*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.*; for necessaries, viz., for buttermilk, oatmeal, physic, soap, ashes, washing-women's wages, schooling of children in the country, ink, paper, and repairs, 454*l.* 8*s.*; matron and six nurses, board wages, 65*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*; nursing children in the city and country, 1,366*l.* 5*s.* 7*d.*; officers' wages, 244*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*; St. Bartholomew's, out of the profits of Blackwell Hall, 233*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; officers' wages at Blackwell Hall, 192*l.* 3*s.* 11*d.*; John Fitzwilliam, late a child of Christ's Hospital, now a poor scholar at Cambridge, 1*l.* 13*s.* 1½*d.*; baker for bread, 296*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.*; butcher for beef and mutton, 245*l.* 14*s.*; brewer for small beer at 4*s.* the barrel, 117*l.* 4*s.*; linen cloth for sheets and shirts, 200*l.* 8*s.*; white cottons for the children's petticoats, 123*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*; woollen yarn for stockings, 37*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.*; shoes, 181*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*; Suffolk cheese, 60*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*; candles, 20*l.* 15*s.*; seacoals, billets, and charcoal, 96*l.* 13*s.*; books, Latin and English, 6*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*; four northern kersies for girls' petticoats, 7*l.* 12*s.*; black, blue, green, and red caps, 21*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*; New River water, 4*l.*; blue cloth, 445*l.* 10*s.*; the salaries to Thomas Walters, grammar school master, 20*l.*; John Vicar, usher, 15*l.*; Humphrey Waynman, writing school master, 20*l.*; Robert Neue, petty school master, 15*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.*; John Farrant, song school master, 23*l.*; one of the nurses had an annual addition of 6*l.* per annum, for "healing "the children's sore heads and mouths;" the number of children was 707; the elder were trained up to learning in the several schools; the younger kept at nurse in London and several places in the country, and at the age of 15 were placed forth apprentices.

April 24. Bristol. 23. Sir Thomas Button to the Lords of the Admiralty. Not receiving order for satisfying the creditors for victuals unpaid by Mr. Alcock, and the wind being fair, has sent up his purser thereon. The sea in the mouth of Severn, and in the Irish channel generally, is so full of pirates that he beseeches them to avoid the hazard of dishonour, by allowing the ships their full numbers of men. If until Allhallowtide the Antelope were sent for that coast it would not be amiss.

[April 24?] 24. Account by Thomas Morgan, purser, of victuals set on board the Ninth Lion's Whelp by Sir Thomas Button, for three months, from 27 Sept. 1630, total 100*l.*; with further account of victuals set on board in Ireland, 69*l.* 11*s.*

April 24. 25. Mervyn Lord Audley and Earl of Castlehaven in Ireland to his brother Sir Ferdinando Audley. The writer leaves his daughter Frances Touchet to Sir Ferdinando's care. He has left her 2,000*l.*; Tite can tell him how to be paid. Prays him to comfort the writer's son Audley [James Lord Audley], although he has undone his house. He has recommended his son George to his son Butler's care. He is of a harsh nature, and must have no soft natured schoolmaster. [*Copy unsigned, but apparently attested.*]

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April 25. Bath. 26. Archbishop Harsnet of York to Sec. Dorchester. Is yet so much a prisoner, though he has used the hot baths, as he is not able to write his own name. For the honour of the church and his Majesty's service, prays him to vouchsafe a meeting of the referees touching the charter of Yarmouth, and make report whether after so many advices and messages it be fit to pass, that so the bearer, who suffers intolerably under the barbarous usage of his insolent adversaries, may see an end of his heavy affliction.

April 25. Nicholas to Attorney General Heath. The Lords of the Admiralty wish him to prevent Mr. Lort, of co. Pembroke, from procuring a grant of wrecks all along his lands in that county; also that the disclaimer of Admiralty jurisdiction by the city of Rochester might be entered of record; and that he will not suffer grants of wreck or pirates goods or other thing touching Admiralty jurisdiction to pass without acquainting them. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, p.* 93.]

April 25. Kempston. 27. William Cater, Sheriff of co. Bedford, to the Council. Sends certificates from the Justices of Peace and from the town of Bedford. *Inclosed,*

27. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Bedford to the Sheriff. Certificate of the price of corn, and means taken to supply the markets and relieve the poor.* 1631, *April* 19.

27. II. *Mayor and others of Bedford to the same. Certificate upon the same subject. Bedford,* 1631, *April* 24.

April 25. 28. Record of proceedings in a *qui tam* information in the Exchequer by Michael Measey against Matthew Angell for importing playing cards, with the plea of the defendant and replication of the Attorney General. [*Office copy.*]

April 25. 29. Similar record of proceedings in another information by Christopher Rotheram, against the same person for a similar cause of action.

April 26. Alderley. 30. Thomas Stanley, Sheriff of co. Chester, to the Council. States the contents of certificates received from the Justices of Peace. The prices of corn fall, and there is sufficient in the county to supply the wants thereof.

April 26. 31. Sir Thomas Aylesbury to his son, Edward Nicholas. Entreats his favour for John Hills, recommended by Mr. Edgbury [Edisbury?]. His suit is touching the boatswain's place in the Ninth Whelp.

April 26. Whitehall. 32. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. Warrant to enter John Hills as boatswain in the Ninth Lion's Whelp, in the place of John Greene. [*Unsigned.*]

April 26. St. John's, Oxford. 33. Dr. William Juxon to Bishop Laud, Chancellor of Oxford. Has received on Mr. Vanham's note 100*l.* of the bearer, Thomas Cowper, mayor of Oxford, who can remit further to Oxford to the value of 300*l.*, a convenience not to be had at any time.

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April 26. Headon. 34. Justices of Peace for co. York to Sir John Gibson, Sheriff. Report their care for relief of the poor in the Middle and South bailiwicks of Holderness, in the East Riding.

April 26. York. 35. Other Justices of Peace to the same. Similar report for the wapentake of Bulmer in the North Riding.

April 26. 36. State of the account and difference between Stephen Alcock and Sir Thomas Button about victualling the Fifth and Ninth Whelps.

April 26. 37. Another statement of the same matter, prepared before the preceding, and containing some additional details. [*Draft.*]

April 26. 38. Stephen Alcock's statement of the account with Sir Thomas Button about the victualling of the Fifth and Ninth Whelps.

April 27. Warwick. 39. Justices of Peace for co. Warwick to the Council. Prices of corn have fallen. Fear that a new survey would cause them to rise, but are ready to obey their further direction.

April 27. 40. Justices of Peace for Essex to the same. Have called before them the saymakers, spinsters, weavers, and combers of Sudbury, and have examined the cause of the saymakers abating the wages of the other workpeople before mentioned. The saymakers alleged that all of that trade did the like, but they were content to give such wages as the writers thought right, if the same order were taken throughout the kingdom by proclamation or otherwise. *Inclosed,*

40. I. *Order specifying what wages should be paid by the saymakers of Sudbury to the spinsters and weavers, until 15th May next, subject to further order of the Council. Halstead,* 1631, *April* 8.

April 27. The Downs. 41. Capt John Mennes to Nicholas. Has received three months' victuals. Shall be able to keep the sea. The Peter, Cornelius King, captain, is daily expected in the Downs. Ships expected from Virginia. Six or seven days hence will send a boat on shore at Portsmouth for orders.

April 27. Newport in the Isle of Wight. 42. Francis Moundeford to Nicholas, miscalled John. Hopes shortly to be of ability of body to travel. Will be in London 11 May. Sent him 10*s.* by Mr. Keyme, and inclosed 10*s.* more. Hopes he will be his friend.

April 27. Basingstoke. 43. Certificate of Bailiffs of Basingstoke to Thomas Coteel, Sheriff of Hants. Return of their proceedings in execution of the Book of Orders for regulating the supply of corn and relief of the poor.

April 27. 44. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Norfolk, of the like purport with the above, for the hundreds of Clackclose, Grimshoe, Wayland, and Southgreenhoe.

April 27. 45. Names of ships supplied at Chatham with munition.

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April 28. [Misdated March 28.] Huntingdon. 46. Commissioners for composition for Knighthood in co. Huntingdon to the Council. A second commission having been directed to the Earl of Manchester and the writers, the latter directed the Sheriff to summon all persons willing to compound to appear before them on the 20th inst. On which day the Sheriff showed the writers a schedule out of the Exchequer for summoning 35 persons to appear in the said court in 15 days of Easter. These persons with others were summoned to appear before the writers on the 28th inst. The effect appears in the schedule inclosed. *Inclosed,*

46. I. *Paper containing,*—I. *Names of persons summoned to appear in the Exchequer who had compounded. At the head of the list, apparently inserted after the list had been completed, "Oliver Cromwell, of Huntington, Esqr., x^li."* II. *Names of similar persons who had attended, and made certain stated excuses.* III. *Names of similar persons who had not attended the Commissioners.* IV. *Names of other persons who had compounded with the Commissioners.*

46. II. *Names of persons who had previously compounded, among whom occurs Henry Cromwell, of Ramsey, Esq. 10l., with those who had not appeared, those who had shown tallies for their discharge, among whom is Henry Cromwell, sen., of Upwood, Esq., and those who had alleged excuses.*

April 28. 47. Bishop Davenant of Salisbury to the same. After the commitment of the Earl of Castlehaven, a great part of his goods were by their appointment removed from Salisbury and put into the custody of Lord Gorges. By ancient charter his predecessors have enjoyed all such goods in the city as appertain to felons convict. Prays that the removal of these goods under their order may be no prejudice to his right.

April 28. Westminster. 48. Justices of Peace for Westminster to the same. Certificate as to execution of orders respecting corn and relief of the poor. They have four markets in the week, and ten householders are appointed to give attendance there to present defaults. Wheat is 12*s.* 8*d.* Vagrants and rogues punished from 18th March to 27th April, 283.

April 28. Mansfield. 49. Commissioners for composition for Knighthood in co. Nottingham to the same. Persons summoned to appear in the Exchequer have compounded with the Commissioners to pay 112*l.* 10*s.* The sum of money raised in this manner is 2,369*l.* 10*s.* and 600*l.* rated on persons who have not compounded; a greater proportion than by any other way could have been raised out of that county, a great part whereof is a waste barren forest possessed by noblemen and knights of good quality.

April 28. 50. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the same. They have been careful to preserve all the corn which grew last year within the

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Sessions of Caistor, and to dispose of the same in furnishing the markets and relieving the poor, otherwise than for relief of cities and great towns, but have been much hindered by warrants from Sir John Monson to the Clerk of the Peace to grant licences as in time of plenty, and an order from Sir John and others at Kirton Sessions for opening the ports. [*See Vol.* clxxxii., *No.* 50.]

April 28. 51. Petition of Company of English Merchants trading the Levant Seas to the Lords of the Admiralty. Capt. John Barker, of the Golden Cock, by taking a prize from one of the Grand Signor's gallies, has rendered the estate of petitioners at Constantinople liable to make satisfaction to the amount of 80,000 dollars, unless restitution be immediately made. Pray order to the owners, and William Beere and Henry Draper, to deliver over goods in their possession.

April 28. Doctors' Commons. 52. Report of Sir Henry Marten on the petition of fishermen of the hundreds of Milton, Gillingham, Shamwell, and other parts adjoining, in Kent, to the Lords of the Admiralty (*see Vol.* clxxxvi., *No.* 18.), referred to him on 3 March last (*Ibid., No.* 18. I.) This is the original of the report (*Ibid., No.* 18. II.) That paper is a copy, and is misdated 1631, April 23, instead of 28.

April 28. Lynn. 53. Capt. Thomas March to Nicholas. Begs him to send by the bearer, Roger Bungay, the letters for Lynn and Boston, and that the latter be directed to Sir Anthony Erby and Mr. Houghton, leaving out the Mayor, who goes out of office on May day; also requests a letter to Sir Hamond Le Strange, to call his neighbours [*Nicholas has added* "of Burnham, Wells, and Clay"] to account.

April 28. 54. Account of the Constables of the Duchy liberty [Strand, Westminster], of money received by them under warrant of Sir William Slingsby, being forfeitures to the King for selling less than a full Winchester quart of beer or ale for a penny. The amount of the forfeiture in each case was 40*s.*, that paid over to Sir William was 8*l.*

April 29. Methley. 55. Sir Henry Savile to Sir John Gibson, Sheriff of co. York. Reports measures taken for relief of the poor in the wapentake of Agbrigg, in the West Riding, and suppression of the infinite numbers of beggars that swarm in those parts. They border upon Lancashire, a county this year able to help their neighbours. This brings down the price of oatmeal, which is the substance of the bread eaten in the greatest part of the West Riding. Is about to take a long journey to the Bath.

April 29. 56. Minute in the handwriting of Sec. Dorchester of an answer to be given to a petition of Lord Castlehaven, concerning his trial. Counsel never given in such cases; no exception allowed against peers. Out of 1,000*l.* demanded by him, he should have 300*l.*; the day before the arraignment he should have notice given him of the time.

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April 29. 57. Copy of the preceding, dated by mistake 1630, April 29.

April 30. Horncastle. 58. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Council. Report measures for keeping down the price of corn and relief of the poor in three little hundreds within the Sessions of Horncastle. Oatmeal is the poor's greatest relief. By their measures the price of it has fallen from eight groats to one shilling and tenpence.

April 30. Acrise. 59. Sir Robert Lewkenor to the same. Sends certificate of the Mayor of Maidstone. Certificates from the lathes of Sutton at Hone and Shepway he has sent to Baron Vernon.

April 30. 60. Bailiff and others of Buckingham to the Sheriff of the county. Certificate of supply and price of corn and relief of the poor. The inhabitants complain more of the weekly taxation to the poor than the poor do of the restraint of begging.

April 30. Messenger Collins's house. 61. Clement Bellamy to Sec. Dorchester. Begs him to mediate for the writer with her ladyship [Lady Dorchester?] that he may be restored to liberty. His restraint is not only to his own prejudice but that of others whose business he has undertaken.

April 30. 62. Petition of William Pett, mariner, to the Officers of the Navy. States his previous services nearly in the same manner as in his petition to the Lords of the Admiralty (*Vol.* clxxxviii., *No.* 50.), and prays that he may be entered master of the Fortune pink. *Underwritten,*

62. I. *Certificate in his favour, signed by Sir Henry Palmer and Phineas Pett.*

April 30. His house in Westminster. 63. Sec. Dorchester to Henry Earl of Holland. Forewarnings of a fit and Dr. Mayerne's prescriptions hinder him from waiting on the King. If he be cut short, and follow his old master in his end, as he does in his diseases, after his long and expensive services, he shall be able to leave his friends *nihil præter lachrymas.* Told the Earl the day of the arraignment, somewhat he had in contemplation as a mark of his Majesty's favour, which he recommends to the Earl's procurement. What he proposes he will acquaint the Earl with when he sees him next, meanwhile he will have the Lord Treasurer at Court, who the Sec. has many reasons to believe stands well and nobly affected towards him. Prays him therefore to set the business on foot. [*Copy.*]

April 30. Brussels. 64. James Maxwell [termed in Bishop Laud's indorsement "Mountebank Maxwell"] to Bishop Laud. The writer has been threatened with assassination because he will not forsake his Protestantism. The Emperor has given order to two of his chief statesmen to call the writer to Court. They have offered him spiritual preferment and the office of Imperial Antiquary and Genealogist, and a pension of 1,000 crowns after the death of Sebastian Tegnangel. But he would rather live poor at home than gather riches abroad by change of religion or sinister employments.

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Has divers matters of moment to impart to the King, on which account he desires to return to England, where he shall finish various works, among them one on the King's genealogy, showing his descent from many Emperors of Orient and Occident, and from kings of 24 ancient and modern kingdoms. Towards finishing which, and in recompense of various works written by him in defence of the Church of England against the Puritans, he solicits the gift of some lay prebend.

April 30. Richmond. 65. John Metcalf, Alderman, and John Wastell, Recorder, of Richmond, co. York, to the Sheriff of the same county. Had increased the assessments for the poor from 16*s.* 3*d.* per week, which amounts to 42*l.* 5*s.* by year, to 31*s.* 4*d.*, which amounts to 81*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, which is weekly distributed among about three score poor people. Report other measures for the relief of poor.

April 30. 66. Certificate of Justices of Peace of Hants to the Sheriff. Report their proceedings in the division of Alton, under the late orders for relief of the poor; whom they have punished, what they have levied, and how they have employed the amount.

April 30. 67. Account of Matthew de Quester for packets for the King's service transmitted to and from foreign parts, from 25 October 1630 to this day; total, 109*l.* 10*s.*

April 30. 68. Estimate of extraordinary charges for rigging and fitting the ships and pinnaces in harbour at Chatham and Portsmouth; total, 1,337*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*

[April ?] 69. Petition of the Ladies Amy Blount, Elizabeth Griffen, and Christian Mervyn, sisters of the condemned Earl of Castlehaven, to the King. Pray him to examine those persons upon whose testimonies the Earl has been adjudged to die, and also to take into his consideration such proofs of a conspiracy against the Earl as shall be produced.

[April ?] 70. Alice Countess of Derby to Sec. Dorchester. The King had recommended her daughter Castlehaven again into her hands, but she desires to know whether she may take her from the Bishop of Winchester's house till after the trial of the other offenders. Begs him to be a means to further the reconcilement of the Lord Audley and his lady. Hopes that in due time he will obtain their pardons.

[April ?] 71. Petition of Elizabeth Lady Audley to the Commissioners for the business of the Earl of Castlehaven. Prays them to allot her money to redress her present wants and necessities.

[April ?] 72. Petition of the same to the same. Stands in want of money to supply her present necessities and to pay her entertainment in the place whither she fled before the Earl of Castlehaven was challenged for the fact in question, also to purchase apparel and to

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gratify Sir William Slingsby, where she remains on their command. Prays for money for the purposes before mentioned, and also that she may have such of her jewels as remain in the custody of Mr. Tite.

[April ?] 73. Question and answer in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath, as to whether "a peer or other" tried for treason or felony "by the fundamental laws of this realm," was to be heard by counsel in matter of fact. The answer is in the negative. [*Perhaps one of the questions submitted to the Judges in the case of the Earl of Castlehaven.*]

[April ?] 74. Petition of John Leuw, master of the Virgin, of Campvere, to the King. Complains that on a return voyage from Colchester to Campvere, when going to Gravesend to wait a convoy, his ship was captured by Dunkirkers near Queenborough, in the same manner as Peter Soettelinck's pink was captured three months ago. Prays that his ship and lading may be restored to him.

April ? 75. Justices of Peace for co. Cambridge to the Council. Return of measures taken by them for supply of markets and relief of the poor in the hundreds of Wittlesford, Chilford, and Radfield. Wheat 3*l.* per quarter; rye, 50*s.*; barley, 40*s.*

April ? 76. Francis Bradshaw, Shreriff of co. Derby, to the same. The Justices of the Peace for that county have divided themselves into districts according to the inclosed list. Incloses also two certificates [*only one is now inclosed*] from Justices of Peace. *Inclosed,*

76. I. *List of Justices of Peace for co. Derby, with the several divisions for which they act.*

76. II. *Justices of Peace for the same county to the Sheriff. Return of measures taken concerning the price of corn, relief of the poor, and inclosures in the hundreds of Appletree and Morleston and Litchurch.* 1631, *April* 22.

[April ?] 77. Petition of inhabitants of several hundreds in the North division of co. Devon to the same. Christopher Hocking, Treasurer of the said hundreds, was by order of 25 Feb. last ordered to make payment of 300*l.* to petitioners, which sum was formerly advanced for conduct of soldiers heretofore billeted there. That order cannot be duly performed, by reason of displacing and deaths of constables, wherefore they pray that it may be amended by being made to pay the money to Sir William Strode and Sir George Chidley, to be duly disposed of. *Annexed,*

77. I. *Petition of the inhabitants of the Ten Hundreds in the North division of co. Devon to the same, being the petition on which the order of the* 25 *Feb. was probably made. It sets forth the circumstances of the claim against Hocking.*

[April ?] 78. Certificate of Sir John Boteler, Sheriff of co. Hertford, of how the Justices of the Peace have divided themselves in that county.

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[April ?] 79. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Hertford, of measures taken for relief of the poor in the hundred of Hertford.

[April ?] 80. Abstract of returns of measures taken for relief of the poor made by the Churchwardens and others of the parishes in the hundred of Braughin, co. Hertford, to the Justices of the Peace for that division on 7th February, 7th March, and 4th April 1631.

April ? 81. Certificates of Justices of Peace for cos. Huntingdon and Cambridge, setting forth the price of corn in their several divisions. They consist of,

81. I. *Certificate for the hundred of Toseland, co. Huntingdon. St. Neots*, 1631, *March* 3.

81. II. *The like for the hundred of Normancross, co. Huntingdon.* 1631, *March* 19.

81. III. *The like for the hundreds of Staploe, Cheveley, Staine, and Flendish, co. Cambridge.* 1631, *March* 29.

81. IV. *The like for the hundred of Hurstingston, co. Huntingdon. St. Ives*, 1631, *April* 4. *Signed by Sir Oliver Cromwell, Robert Bernard, and others.*

81. V. *The like for the hundred of Toseland, co. Huntingdon. St. Neots*, 1631, *April* 7.

[April ?] 82. Certificate of Gerard Wood, a Justice of Peace for co. Dorset, of measures taken for relief of the poor within part of the division of Sherborne. Addressed on the outside to Sir Robert Millard [Sir John Meller ?], the Sheriff.

[April ?] 83. Similar certificate for the hundreds of Badbury, Cogdeane, and Losebarrow, in the same county.

April. 84. Petition of the merchants of Exeter to the Council. Their harbour is a barred place, and unable to resist the pirates which haunt the western parts. Captain Downes has lately captured several vessels, and his strength is likely to increase, he having on board his ship many desperate persons. On a previous like occasion a commission was granted to the Mayor and Aldermen to set forth ships in warlike manner. Pray that a like commission be now granted, and that the merchants from Southampton to the Land's End on the sea coast may contribute to the charge.

April. 85. Petition of John Rudson, apprentice to William Dwight, now prisoner in Newgate, to the same. A friend of petitioner having written to him to know the cause of his master's imprisonment, petitioner wrote a letter to his friend, and therein unadvisedly used words not befitting. Casts himself at their feet and craves pardon and order for his enlargement.

April. 86. Copy of the preceding petition, not signed as the preceding, and with some slight variations.

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April? 87. John Rudson to Goodman Godlie, at the Half Moon, St. Alban's. The letter mentioned in the preceding petition, in which the writer states that his master had been committed by the Council, but for what they nor he knew not. Nothing was proved against him, nor could be.

April. 88. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend the taking into the ordinary of the Navy of 34 shipwrights, whose cost may be compensated by certain indicated reductions.

[April?] 89. Requests of Stephen Barrett, John Vincent, Thomas Hilliard, and five others, the Deputies of the Lords of the Admiralty for making saltpetre, to the same Lords. It being the pleasure of the Lords to renew or alter the Commission under which the Deputies act, they set forth certain provisions which they desire to have inserted in the new Commission for their defence. Among other things, if forbidden to dig in bed rooms, they desire not to be debarred from digging in other rooms in dwelling houses; also that owners of dove houses and stables should be prohibited from adopting measures which prevent the growth of saltpetre; that owners of carriages may still be compellable to carry the saltpetre at 4*d.* a mile; that the Deputies may take wood-ashes wherever found at a certain reasonable price; with other provisions framed in the same spirit.

[April?] 90. Petition of several officers having lost their means and fortunes in the Low Countries to Sec. Dorchester. Instantly returned in their answers to his propositions, and have waited his pleasure for five weeks. Pray that a conscionable care may be had of their miserable estates. They have lived for thirty months without employment.

April. 91. Walter Long to the same. Fragment of a letter of thanks for procuring his Majesty's leave that the writer might visit his sick wife. She having since died, he appeals to him again for permission to go and provide for his motherless, fatherless, and friendless children.

April. Cardiff. 92. Sir Thomas Button to the same. Similar fragment of an application to the Sec. to procure settlement of the sums due by Mr. Alcock, and payment of a warrant for 358*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to Sir Thomas on account of his arrears.

[April?] 93. Debts owing by Edward Viscount Conway, at his decease, 1631, Jan. 3, besides interest. They amount to 3,930*l.* 16*s.*

[April.] 94. Justices of Peace for co. Huntingdon to the Council. Certificate of various inclosures recently made in that county, amounting in the whole to 820 a. 1 r. 20 p. Among the inclosures are 250 acres by Sir Capel Bedell in Hamerton; 20 acres by Sir Richard Lucy in St. Neots, and 25 acres by John Cotton, junior, in Steeple Gidding. Among the Justices who joined in this certificate are Lord

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Mandeville, Sir Capel Bedell, Sir Oliver Cromwell, and Sir Sydney Montagu.

[April ?] 95. Reasons given by the armourers, gunmakers, bandalier and pikemakers why they desire to be allowed to use upon their work the mark or stamp of A, with a crown, being the ancient proof mark of the Armourer's Hall.

[April ?] 96. Full note of the above, except the part which relates to the pikemakers.

[April ?] 97. Reasons why the pikemakers would entreat a salary for approving, trying, and stamping such pikes as shall be found fit for the King's service.

[April ?] 98. Brief of the whole proceedings concerning the business of the armourers.

[April ?] 99. Mary Countess of Westmoreland to Sec. Dorchester. For setting straight all differences between the writer and the Earl of Newport, if the Earl of Holland would call upon her she can inform him better than any servant, but if there be any difficulty in that she will do as Lord Dorchester advises. She has a map which will show him how Lord Newport's land and hers neighbour in every place. She endeavoured to get Lord Newport to call on her before he last went out of town.

[April ?] 100. Petition of Thomas Clerke, postmaster of London, to Lord Treasurer Weston. The Lord Treasurer having heretofore given order for payment of such a proportion of petitioner's wages as has kept him from starving, prays for such a payment in this hard time as will enable him to satisfy his creditors.

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May 1. The Court at Greenwich. 1. Sec. Coke to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a commission in a form prescribed, whereby the Council for the time being are appointed Commissioners for hearing all differences between the Courts of Justice in any matter concerning jurisdiction.

May 1. 2. Sir John Trelawny, Sheriff of Cornwall, to the Council. Incloses certificates from Justices of Peace touching corn, received since 10th February last. The price is of late abated; wheat is now 7*d.*, barley 4*d.*, and oats 2*d.* the gallon. *Incloses,*

2. I. *Justices of Peace for Cornwall to the Sheriff. Measures taken for relief of the poor and abatement of price of corn within the hundred of Lesnewth.* 1631, *April* 20.

2. II. *Other Justices of Peace for the same to the same. Similar letter for the hundred of East.* 1631, *April* 20.

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May 1. Fouston [Foxton.] 3. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Council. Measures taken in the hundred of Goodlaxton for keeping down the price of corn, laying open inclosures, and relief of the poor.

May 1. Noseley. 4. Other Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the same. Similar letter for the hundred of Gartree [?]. Certain truth of the amount of grain remaining in their country is "inventible" [not to be found out].

May 1. 5. Justices of Peace for the Isle of Wight to the same. Similar return respecting corn and the relief of the poor. Their present store of corn is 419 quarters of wheat and 363 of barley, which will not be sufficient until harvest.

May 1. [Plymouth.] 6. Capt. John Mennes to Nicholas. Reports his search for a pirate, who had taken a vessel by the Isle of Wight, and had kept the whole coast in fear. Is told he is in Helford, where the writer purposes to be by break of day. There is also a Scot abroad, and an Englishman with him, who yesterday pillaged a poor Irish bark. A Dutch fleet in the Channel on the look out for Dunkirkers.

May 1. Stafford. 7. William Wollaston, Sheriff of co. Stafford, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Justices of the King's Bench. The Justices of Peace returned an answer respecting corn to the Council. Incloses them a copy of it.

May 1. 8. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to Francis Mapes, Sheriff. In the hundreds of Mitford, Forehoe, and Humbleyard there will be good proportion of corn until harvest. Measures taken for relief of the poor.

May 2. Pilkington stand. 9. Justices of Peace for co. Lancaster to the Council. The corn will be sufficient for the country's use, and little or no overplus. Measures taken by them.

May 2. 10. Report of the President, Treasurer, and Governors of the Hospital of Bridewell, to the same, as to the true state of the same hospital. It sets forth the nature and amount of their income (1,025*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*), with full particulars whence the same was derived; the establishment of the hospital, with the salaries paid; and a general account of the payments, amounting to 1,133*l.* 8*s.*

[May 2.] 11. Justices of Peace for co. Cambridge to the Sheriff. State the quantities of corn in stock in the west side of the county.

[May 2.] 12. Other Justices of Peace for the same county to Thomas Tyrrell, the Sheriff. State the quantities of corn in the hundreds of Flendish, Staine, Staploe, and Cheveley, on the east side of Cambridge.

[May 2.] 13. Mayor and others of Cambridge to the Council. Set forth the measures taken by them under the letters of the Council for regulation of the markets and relief of the poor.

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May 2. Calceworth-at-Hill. 14. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Council. Report similar measures adopted in the wapentake of Hill and Calceworth. No great complaining in their streets. To ease the poorer sort of the burden of their children they had disposed of 100 as apprentices to the most able husbandmen and householders.

May 2. Bristol. 15. Sir Thomas Button to the Lords of the Admiralty. On receipt of their letter, stating that the service suffered by his wonted delays and undue pretences, and therefore requiring him to hasten away, he applied to the victuallers, but they would not part with their supplies until they had satisfaction for the arrear due, which was 68*l.* He then applied to Mr. Willett, the customer, on whose undertaking to see them paid by the 30th July they sent in the articles required. Beseeches them to order the amount to be paid, and when he comes up to answer this business, if he cannot acquit himself he reminds them that there are greater sums due to him. Is ready that night, with a very fair wind, to set sail.

May 2. 16. Frances Duchess Dowager of Richmond and Lennox to Sec. Dorchester. Thanks for his continued care of her. He will have the prayers of her ever mourning house and family, and the blessings of heaven for having care of an old woman who has had many trials, and is the most unfortunate of widows.

May 2. At the Lord Treasurer's House. 17. Report of proceedings at the Commission for sale of his Majesty's lands in fee farm, on consideration of a petition of Sir Thomas Cecil and Sir Francis Ashley to the King, concerning an exchange of lands in Croft, co. Lincoln, which petition had been referred to these Commissioners. They approve the exchange, and refer it to the King's counsel in the law and the Lord Treasurer to carry out. [*Draft.*]

May 2. 18. Minute by Sec. Dorchester, of information given to him by Sir F[rancis] C[ottington] and P. B., respecting rumours of preparations in France for an invasion of England.

May 2. 19. Account of payments ordered to be made out of anticipated receipts of the revenue; total, 298,235*l.* 9*s.* 4½*d.*

May 3. 20. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to the Sheriff of the same. State measures taken in the hundreds of Blofield, Walsham, and Taverham, for abatement of the price of corn and relief of the poor.

May 3. 21. Account of money received of victuallers of the Duchy liberty in Westminster, for not selling a full quart, the same having been paid into the hands of Justice Sheppard. Total, 10*l.* 15*s.*

May 4. 22. Petition of George Cottington to the King. King James granted to William Hareward, Henry Russell, and John Hare-

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ward, the office of Registrar of the Admiralty. Petitioner's brother was slain at Rhé, and petitioner served at Rochelle. Prays for a grant of the said office. *Underwritten,*

22. 1. *Reference to the Lords of the Admiralty to examine and certify. Court at Greenwich,* 1631, *May* 4.

May 4. 23. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. William Willoughby, the purveyor employed in Shotover and Stow-wood, is so interrupted by Sir Timothy Tyrrell, that he cannot proceed. Pray for such order that he may proceed, or be discharged. *Inclosed,*

23. 1. *Statement of Wm. Willoughby, setting forth his grounds of complaint against Sir Timothy Tyrrell.*

May 4. Walcot. 24. Humphrey Walcot, Sheriff of co. Salop, to the Council. Has received certificates of Justices of Peace of their endeavours to secure that the markets are plentifully furnished, which certificates they will find tedious to read over, but they shall be ready when desired. Wheat is 6*s.* 6*d.* the strike; rye, 5*s.* 4*d.*; barley, 4*s.* 4*d.*; French wheat, 2*s.* 4*d.*; oats, 2*s.* 6*d.*

May 4. Richmond, co. York. 25. Justices of Peace for co. York to the same. Report as to the supply of corn in Richmondshire, consisting of five wapentakes, and being according to the rates of the county, a third part of the North Riding.

May 4. 26. Lord Treasurer Weston to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a grant of the office of Receiver for cos. Northampton and Rutland, to George Bennyon, upon surrender of Aden Perkins.

May 5. Greenstead Parsonage. 27. James Hyll to Sec. Dorchester. Is now living at the house of the Sec.'s chaplain, Mr. Baldock. Offers himself to serve his Majesty in Germany, the country and languages being better known to him than his native, and he being acquainted with the Electors of Saxony and Brandenburgh, and all the Protestant princes.

May 6. Westminster. 28. The King to the several members of the Privy Council by name. Commission to hear and determine controversies, touching the jurisdiction of any of his Majesty's Courts. [*Seal removed.*]

May 6. 29. Petition of Gervase Johnson, deputy postmaster for Grantham, to the Council. For his Majesty's service, petitioner, by warrant, took the horse of one Rolandson, put into the orchard of Nathaniel Thorold. When the horse was brought home again, Thorold charged petitioner with felony, and brought an action of trespass against him and the constable, and still prosecutes the same. He has also shewed forth certain scandalous writings, tending to petitioner's disgrace. Prays that Thorold may be called before the board.

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May 6. 30. Petition of William Pomeroy and Benjamin Cloak to the Council. Petitioners having been committed to the Marshalsea, where they have continued 14 weeks, pray enlargement. [*Ordered to be discharged this day. Reg. Concil. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 492.]

May 6. Whitehall. 31. Lords of the Admiralty to Captain John Pennington. Warrant appointing him Captain and Admiral in the Bonaventure, employed for guard of the Narrow Seas.

May 6. Whitehall. 32. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty, in the difference between the Castles of Pendennis and St. Mawes. Pendennis is to call to account ships which anchor on the west side, and St. Mawes, those which anchor on the east side, of the Black Rock.

May 6. 33. Petition of Richard Hals, purser of the St. Claude, to Lord Treasurer Weston, one of the Lords of the Admiralty. On 5th inst., being, by his Lordship's warrant, about to take horse for Portsmouth, petitioner, in the company of Capt. Henry Downing, was arrested by William Sutton, at the suit of William Browne, who slighted his Lordship's warrant. Prays enlargement.

May 6. Poultry, from the Compter. 34. Richard Hals to Nicholas. Begs him to prefer the preceding petition. Mr. Holt will not deliver sea stores without the writer's hand. He has also a warrant to remove the furnace out of the Eighth Whelp into the St. Claude.

May 6. 35. Edward Earl of Dorset to Attorney General Heath. It is the King's pleasure that Mr. Stradling be nominated Captain of the [First] Whelp, lately appointed to Captain Porter. He is to prepare a warrant for that purpose.

May 6. 36. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Dorchester. Sends papers from which he will learn the news of Germany. Begs him to take compassion on Dalbier. If not helped he will go over to the Emperor, where he would do harm in connexion with the late affairs under Mansfeldt, and the restoration of the King of Bohemia to the Palatinate. French.

May 6. Trelawne. 37. Sir John Trelawny, Sheriff of Cornwall, to Sir Thomas Richardson and Sir John Denham, Justices of Assize. Presents to them certificates received from the Justices of Peace. *Incloses,*

37. I. *Certificates of Justices of Peace to the Sheriff, containing report as to stock of corn and its price in the hundred of Trigg.* 1631, *Jan.* 28.

37. II. *Similar certificate for the hundred of Lesnewth.* 1631, *Jan.* 28.

37. III. *Similar certificate for the North division of the hundred of East.* 1631, *Feb.* 8.

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May 6. 38. Justices of Peace for co. Hants, to Sir [?] Thomas Coteel, Sheriff of that county. The store of corn in the division of the New Forest will be hardly enough to serve until harvest. Wheat at 7*s.* according to the standard of Winchester.

May 6. Tunstall. 39. John Hales to his father Sir Edward Hales, at his lodging in White Friars. Mr. Thornbury, of Milton, says that the women there and at Sittingbourne are so outrageous, as except some speedy course be taken, mischief is feared. They band together by 50 or 60 in a company railing at Mr. Dowle and his colleague. If they meet with barley meal in a boat they throw it away, saying they must have better stuff. Desires that the Justices may repress these tumults ere they proceed too far.

May 6. 40. Answers of William Turner, of the University of Oxford, printer, to articles objected against him by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Has printed books with Michael Sparke; never saw the book entitled "Lame Giles," nor was privy to its publication; within the last half year printed the "Book of Promises," or "Saint's Legacies," of which he printed 1,500 copies; "Dent's Sermons," of which he printed 3,000; and Five Sermons of Dr. Preston, of which he printed 2,000; all which he believes were Michael Sparke's own copies, and were licensed books. Dent's Sermons in Welsh, and Ferrard's Prayers he had no hand in printing. He is no partner with Sparke.

[May 7?] At the Court. 41. The King to Attorney General Heath. Mervyn Lord Audley having been convicted of divers felonies and adjudged to be hanged, but he being a nobleman descended from ancestors who had done good services to the Crown, the Attorney General is to prepare a bill to release Lord Audley from being hanged, and instead thereof to have his head cut off at Tower Hill. [*Copy.*]

May 7. Leicester. 42. John Bainbrigg, Sheriff of co. Leicester, to the Council. Sends underwritten a list of Justices of Peace for that county, with their several divisions.

May 7. Harlaxton. 43. Sir Daniel De Lingne, Sheriff of co. Lincoln, to the same. There is not so great a want of corn generally throughout that county as was greatly feared. Wheat 50*s.* the quarter. *Annexed,*

43. I. *Justices of Peace of co. Lincoln to the Sheriff of the same county. Return for the division of Louth Esk, and Ludborough. The orders executed as they best might, the pestilence raging among them. Louth Sessions,* 1631, *April* 23.

43. II. *Other Justices of the same county to the same. Certify the returns of a jury impanelled at Gainsborough, to inquire into the quantity of corn in the wapentake of Corringham. Annexed,*

I. *Names of the jury.*

II. *Return for Gainsborough, and other places in the wapentake of Corringham.*

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May 7. 44. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to the Council. Return certificates of the quantity of corn in that county. With reference to the transporting of corn from the abounding counties to the scarcer they find no obstruction. Their markets are well filled and wheat fallen from 11*s.* 6*d.* to 9*s.* 6*d.* *Annexed,*

44. I. *Certificate for hundred of Hertford. Hertford,* 1631, *May* 7.

44. II. *The like for hundred of Braughin. Hertford,* 1631, *May* 7.

44. III. *The like for hundred of Dacorum. Hertford,* 1631, *May* 7.

44. IV. *The like for hundreds of Broadwater and Hitchin. Hertford,* 1631, *May* 7.

44. V. *The like for hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey.*

44. VI. *The like for St. Albans, and part of the hundred of Cashio.*

44. VII. *Memorandum of Sir John Boteler, Sheriff of co. Hertford, that the above certificates were returned to the Justices of Assize on* 13*th May* 1631.

May 7. 45. Examination of Peter Simon, curate or preacher of Newland, in the Forest of Dean, in co. Gloucester (being placed there by the Company of Haberdashers in London), taken before Bishop Neile of Winchester. Explains his interference in a late rebellious tumult in the Forest of Dean, and words uttered by him to Sergeant Dendy's wife. The latter were construed as if spoken in maintenance of the doctrine of the equality of all mankind. He answers that he has always maintained that there is upon kings and princes God's character, which makes their persons sacred as God's anointed.

May 7. Westminster. 46. William Boswell to Attorney General Heath. The Committee of the Council of War request him to insert in the Commission to the Armourers the form of the mark or stamp of the Company of Workman Armourers of London, viz., the A and crown, according to the mark which he shall receive therewith. They also wish him to complete the intended proclamation of such Commission.

May 7. 47. Draft of the preceding.

[May 7.] The same to [Sir John Heydon ?]. Sends him the order of the Committee of the Council of War, concerning the prices of arms, that he may fully perfect the same. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding. On the same paper there is also what appears to be the draft of some emendations suggested to be inserted in the commission.*]

May 7. 48. Justices of Peace for co. Surrey to Sir William Walter, Sheriff. Certify their proceedings respecting corn and the relief of the poor in the Western division of that county.

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May 7. 49. Certificate of Capt. Richard Plumleigh, in behalf of William Pulberry, to be master of the Antelope.

May 8. 50. Petition of Thomas Maynard, William Vergis, and others, the poor of the hospital of East Grinstead, in Sussex, to the King. Robert Earl of Dorset devised by his will that his executors should build a hospital for 31 poor persons, and should incorporate it by the name of "Sackville College for the Poor," and to that end limited 330*l.* per annum to be issuing out of his lands. Edward now Earl of Dorset and Lord William Howard, the surviving executor, desiring to establish the hospital, petitioners pray for a grant of incorporation. *Underwritten,*

50. I. *Reference to the Attorney General to prepare a bill. Court at Greenwich,* 1631, *May* 8.

May 9. 51. Justices of Peace for co. Sussex, to the Council. Certify the result of a second search, and view of the quantity of corn in store in the rape of Hastings. There is not a sufficient quantity to suffice the inhabitants by a full third part.

May 9. Whitehall. 52. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington, Admiral in the Bonaventure, appointed for guard of the Narrow Seas. Instructions. The ships to be employed under his charge were the Bonaventure, Antelope, St. Claude, and First Lion's Whelp. He was to apply himself for the protection of trade, and security of the Narrow Seas from pirates, for which purpose he was to keep abroad at sea himself, and to send forth all his ships to range and scour the said seas.

May 9. Copy of the same. [*See Vol.* clvii., *fol.* 116.]

May 9. Standish. 53. Sir Ralph Dutton, Sheriff of co. Gloucester, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Judges of Assize. Sends two certificates of Justices of Peace. *Inclosed,*

53. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Gloucester to the Sheriff. Report their measures for relief of the poor and supply of markets within the hundreds of Whitestone, Bisley, and Longtree. Painswick.*

53. II. *Other Justices of Peace for the same county to the same. Similar return for the Five hundreds.*

May 9. Sudbury. 54. Justices of Peace for co. Suffolk to the Council. State measures taken by them for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Babergh and Cosford. The clothiers state that they cannot go on with their trade, the merchants not buying their cloth. Pray the Lords to take some course therein.

May 9. 55. Justices of Peace for co. York to Sir John Gibson, the Sheriff. Certify measures taken for supply of the markets in the liberty of Pickering Lythe, in the North Riding.

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May 9. 56. Other Justices of the same county to Sir John Gibson, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor in the wapentake of Buckrose, in the East Riding.

May 9. 57. Similar certificate for the wapentake of Ryedale, in the North Riding.

May 9. 58. Similar certificate, as to measures for keeping down the price of corn in the same wapentake.

May 9. 59. Notes concerning the value of the Benediction, the James, and the Bride, English ships captured by the French since the peace. Total amount, 18,000*l.*

[May 10?] 60. Information of Sir Archibald Douglas, addressed to the King with the view of saving the life of the Earl of Castlehaven, by showing that the witnesses were induced to give evidence against him by promises of preferment made to them by Mr. Wroughton and the young Lord Audley. "Guy Hopkins, free mason," is vouched as one of the witnesses to prove what is here stated.

May 10. 61. Petition of the Vice-Chancellor and Mayor of Cambridge, and of the Heads of Colleges and Aldermen of the town, to the King. Pray for leave to employ part of the collections made under Letters Patent for relief of their poor, during the visitation of the plague, upon a house of correction and stock for their workhouse, and that they may enclose 50 acres of one of their commons called Jesus Green. *Underwritten,*

61. I. *Reference to the Council, who are to certify his Majesty by the Lord Keeper, Steward of Cambridge, and the Earl of Holland, Chancellor of the University, what they think fit to be done. The Court at Greenwich,* 1631, *May* 10.

May 10. Whitehall. The Lords of the Admiralty to Thomas Austen, captain and master of the Henrietta, employed to guard the Thames and Medway. Instructions. He is to keep within ken of the river's mouth, never lying still when he may be stirring abroad. He is to make stay of all powder and munition which he shall suspect to belong to the Navy, and before all, fuller's-earth and wool attempted to be unlawfully transported. [*Copy. Vol.* clvii., *fol.* 115.]

May 10. [misdated 1630.] Stafford. 62. William Wollaston, Sheriff of co. Stafford, to the Council. States names of the Justices of the Peace for the county, with the several divisions for which they act, and the measures taken by them for relief of the poor.

May $\frac{10}{20}$. Greenwich. 63. Sec. Dorchester to James Duke of Lennox. Advises him after having passed the heats of the summer upon the Loire, to spend the next winter in Spain, and the next spring will be a fit time for his passage into Italy, and then back by Lyons, and winter in Paris. It will then be time to resolve either of his return or

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spending a summer in the two armies in the Low Countries. This course is approved by his Majesty. Sends therewith the opinion of an experienced man in Spanish journeys, Mr. Porter. Sir Francis Cottington concurs, and Burlamachi will follow the Duke with credit. [*Copy.*]

May 10. 64. Answers of Michael Sparke, of London, stationer, to articles objected against him by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. Gives account of the printing of the several books charged against him (*See April* 2, *Vol.* clxxxviii. *No.* 13.), and replies to the accusations contained in the Articles. States a partnership with William Turner in the Optick Glass of Humours. Admits the publication of the Antithesis, but says he had already been punished for the same. Denies the publishing of Lame Giles, of which he never had but two copies, which were given him by Mr. Prynne, the author. He was at the charge of translating Dent's Sermons into Welsh. Explains why he would not permit the messenger to go into his warehouse.

May 10. 65. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Surrey, of execution of orders for relief of the poor in the Middle division of Surrey.

May 10. 66. Similar certificate of other Justices for the same county, addressed to Sir William Walter, the Sheriff. It relates to the hundreds of Brixton and Wallington and borough of Southwark.

May 10. 67. Similar certificate of Christopher Lewkenor, Recorder of Chichester, for himself and the Mayor and others of that city. It states the measures taken by them for relief of the poor.

[May 10?] 68. James Lord Audley, signing himself James Touchet, to his father, Mervyn Earl of Castlehaven. Thanks for his forgiveness, but can with a safe conscience wash his hands of his blood. Purposed to obtain leave of the Council to come to him. Sends him copies of two petitions, one of which the writer shall that night prefer to the King. If the Earl can prescribe any better way for his safety, the writer will willingly follow it. The writer's cousin Wroughton hated not the Earl, but his courses, and is as ready to relieve the Earl, as he formerly was the writer.

May 10. Combe Sydenham. 69. Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff of Somerset, to Sir Thomas Richardson and Sir John Denham, Judges of Assize. Sends certificates of proceedings of Justices for relief of the poor.

May 10. 70. Justices of Peace for Essex to Sir Thomas Bendish, Sheriff. Certify measures taken for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Barstable and Chafford.

May 10. 71. Similar certificate from other Justices of Peace for the same county to the same, in relation to the hundreds of Harlow, Ongar, and Waltham.

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May 11. 1. Petition of Peter Simon to the Council. Prays that a favourable construction may be put upon his words, and that he may be discharged. [*Ordered to be discharged this day. Reg. Concil. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 497.]

[May 11.] 2. Petition of Richard Inge, of Leicester, to the same. Having been sent for and attended from 30 April, he finds nothing put in against him and prays discharge. [*Ordered to be discharged this day. Reg. Concil. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 494.]

[May 11?] 3. Petition of John Carr to the same. Being a licensed buyer of corn, and having a warrant from divers Lords of that board to whom he is purveyor of their stables, he bought corn at Canterbury, and intended to ship it at Herne, but was attacked at the latter place by an assembly of persons, who carried off 15 quarters of oats, and threatened petitioner's life. Prays redress.

[May 11?] 4. Note of corn riots at Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne, Milton, and Faversham.

May 11. Catthorpe. 5. Thomas Caldecott to Henry Earl of Stamford. Sir Richard Roberts and the writer investigated a charge brought by some idle persons against John Price of Lutterworth, that he was an engrosser of corn, and found the poor man had received much wrong.

May 11. 6. Notes by Sec. Dorchester of proceedings in the Star Chamber against Edward Ewre for scandalizing the Earl of Danby as a base cozening lord, with notes of the opinions of the several Lords as to the sentence to be passed upon him.

May 11. 7. Note by Sec. Coke of the differences between the English and Scotch Commissioners concerning the fishing, delivered this day to Sir William Alexander.

May 11. 8. Promise by Sir Anthony Aucher, that if a protection granted to him, but stayed at the Signet Office by a caveat of Robert Walthew, be passed, he will answer at law any action brought against him by Walthew, without using his protection.

May 11. 9. Inventory of goods belonging to Adriana Duncombe, lost in the Charity, of Flushing, surprised by Dunkirkers in the Thames over against Faversham, 11 Jan. 1631.

May 12. Leicester. 10. John Bainbrigg, Sheriff of co. Leicester, to the Council. Sends letters and certificates lately received from Justices of Peace. *Inclosed,*

10. I. *Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Leicester, as to inclosures made in the hundred of Gartree, within the last two years.*

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10. II. *Certificate of Sir John Skeffington in explanation of the inclosure made by Sir Thomas Burton, at Frisby, being one of those above mentioned.*

10. III. *Certificate of Justices of Peace for the same co. Certify the answer of Sir Henry Shirley concerning his inclosure made at Ragdale, in the hundred of East Goscote.* 1631, *April* 28.

May 12. 11. Petition of Michael Duncombe to the Council. Having money due to him in England for service in the King of Denmark's wars, he sent over his wife, who received the same and disbursed it in commodities of the value of 126*l.* 18*s.* Putting herself and commodities on board the Charity, of Flushing, the same was surprised near Faversham by a Dunkirker, and although the ship and merchants' goods have been restored petitioner has had no relief. Prays restitution.

May 12. 12. Petition of Elizabeth Dormer and Elizabeth Cadwell to the same. Petitioners being the wives of Francis Dormer and John Cadwell, who by reason of deadness of trade and change of fashions have travelled for work and found the same at Amsterdam, pray for licence to depart with their families to their husbands. [*Ordered. Reg. Concil., Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 501.]

May 12. 13. Petition of William Browne and William Sutton to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having been sent for by warrant for arresting Richard Hals, purser of the St. Claude, which was done in ignorance, they pray discharge. They have set Hals at liberty.

May 12. 14. Lord Treasurer Weston to Attorney General Heath. It is the King's pleasure that he prepare a grant to Sir Kenelm Digby of lands in Great Walden, Little Walden, and elsewhere, in co. Lancaster, and in Caro Dutton, and elsewhere, in co. Denbigh, and in Huntington, co. Chester, all which lands formerly belonged to Ralph Calveley, and had escheated to his Majesty by reason of the death of John Calveley, son of Ralph, without heirs. The tenure is to be socage, with a rent of 5*l.* per annum for ever.

May 12. 15. Will of Edward Amerideth, of Marristow, in the parish of Tammerton Hollyett, in co. Devon. He desires to be buried in Tammerton or Bickley if he die within ten miles, and would have a black marble stone, with the portraits of himself, his wife, and children, done therein in brass, for which he leaves 15*l.* He makes mention of his wife Margaret, his daughters Gertrude, Grace, and Elizabeth, his sons Amias, Edward, and John. He appoints his son Amias executor, and his widow, Francis Trelawney, William Symons, and John Furlong, overseers. [*Probate copy, but without the seal.*]

May 12. 16. Sentence of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners upon Sir Giles Alington, for intermarrying with Dorothy Dalton, daughter of Michael Dalton and his wife, which latter was half sister to Sir

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Giles. Sir Giles and Dorothy were ordered to do penance at Paul's Cross, and at St. Mary's in Cambridge, and Sir Giles was fined 12,000*l.*, and Michael Dalton 2,000*l.* [*Attested copy.*]

May 13. Westminster. 17. The King to William Earl of Derby, Thomas Viscount Savage, James Lord Strange, and others. Under former Commissions the King's right to fines for not receiving the order of Knighthood at the Coronation, had been questioned, but being debated in the Court of Exchequer, it had been declared by the whole Court to be the King's manifest right, which makes him assure himself that his subjects will not now be backward in this service. The persons addressed are appointed Commissioners for this purpose for co. Chester, and Sir George Booth, collector. [*Copy.*]

May 13. 18. The same to Bishop Laud of London. Writ of the Court of Wards, revoking a presentation lately granted out of that Court for the institution of George Morley to the vicarage of St. Dunstan's in the West, in London.

May 13. Banbury. 19. Mayor and others of Banbury to the Council. Report measures for supply of the markets and relief of the poor. 149*l.* 15*s.* collected for the latter purpose.

May 13. 20. Petition of Thomas Dance, William Troth, Elizabeth, wife of Richard Woodward, and Elizabeth, wife of Richard Baker, to the Council. Petitioners were taken from their several labours to Worcester gaol on the 26th March last. They are informed that they were committed by warrant from their Honours for misdemeanours done in the said county. Annexed is a certificate of John Savage, that the misdemeanours in question were committed after they were sent to gaol. Pray for release. *Annexed,*

20. I. *Certificate of John Savage above mentioned.*

Written under the above petition,

20. II. *Reference to the Attorney General to certify to the board. Whitehall,* 1631, *May* 13.

20. III. *Report of the Attorney General. Recommends the discharge of the petitioners on the proffered security of John Cook, of Bradley, co. Worcester.* 1631, *May* 17.

May 13. 21. Petition of the Fellowship of English merchants for discovery of new trades, adventurers to Muscovia and Greenland, to the same. Pray them to stay a ship and a pinnace about to be set forth from Yarmouth by Nathaniel Wright and Thomas Hoarth, under the patent granted in Scotland to Nathaniel Edwards. Their pretence is to fish the whale in Iceland, but they have hired Baskoes [Biscayans] to go for Greenland. [*Order for stay of the ships without the parties give security not to bend their course to Greenland. Reg. Concil. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 504.]

[May 13?] 22. Petition of William Thompson, of Aldborough, co. Suffolk, to the same. Having been sent for by warrant, prays for a hearing.

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[*Heard and discharged on the 25th inst. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *pp.* 483, 503, 506. *He was brought up on an untrue suggestion that he had exported corn without licence. The Council left him to his remedy at law against those who had put him to this unreasonable charge and trouble.*

[May 13?] 23. Petition of John Thorner, Attorney-at-law, to the Council. Petitioner has 100 causes to follow and solicit this term, and having been in custody a whole week has attended to answer, but could not be heard. Prays that he may be called to receive their judgment, and be enabled to follow his vocation.

[May 13?] 24. Petition of John Price to the same. Certain malicious persons having certified that he was a forestaller, he has been committed to custody, and forced to expend 10*l.* to his utter undoing. Has not bought so much corn as has served to sustain his family, as by annexed certificate appears. Prays his discharge. [*Ordered to be discharged this day. Reg. Conc. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 504.] *Annexed,*

24. I. *Certificate of inhabitants of Lutterworth to the Council, in the terms mentioned above. Signed by Nathaniel Cort, curate there, and many of the inhabitants. Lutterworth,* 1631, *May* 10.

May 13. 25. Petition of Richard Hals, purser of the St. Claude, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays satisfaction for his charges, 3*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.*, and damages for his arrest by William Sutton, at the suit of William Browne.

May 13. Whitehall. 26. William Boswell to Mr. Allison, "at Mr. Attorney General, "his chamber." Has perused the draft of the proclamation concerning the Armours. Conceives it to be agreeable to the Committee's intentions, and wishes it despatched.

May 13. 27. Names of Justices of Peace for Hants, with the several divisions within which they acted.

May 13. 28. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co Middlesex, as to the provision of corn remaining in the hundred of Elthorne and half hundred of Gore.

May 14. Abergavenny. 29. William Baker, Sheriff of co. Monmouth, to the Council. Sends certificate of Justices of Peace. Is always "prest" to express his humble duty. *Inclosed,*

29. I. *Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Monmouth, of measures taken for abatement of the price of corn and relief of the poor within the division of Abergavenny.* 1631, *April* 30.

May 14. 30. [The Council] to the Officers for delivery of cordwood in the Forest of Dean. Mrs. James is to be allowed to cut her roots first in those remotest parts of the forest, which lie most

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subject to the spoil of the country, and the rest are to be sold for the best price, and the proceeds brought to account before the auditors of that county. [*Copy.*]

May 14. 31. Another copy of the same.

May 14. Ipswich. 32. Bailiffs of Ipswich to the Council. Certify the arrival there of four ships laden with corn out of the East parts. Two had unladen at Ipswich, one had proceeded to London, and the writers had charged the fourth to do the like.

May 14. 33. Information of Edward Corbett, respecting a large building of brick, begun to be erected in Long Acre, on the north side over against Covent Garden, by Scipio Squire, of St. Martin's in the Fields, upon a new foundation, contrary to the proclamation.

May 14. Whitehall. 34. Lord Treasurer Weston to Attorney General Heath. In the grant of incorporation to the merchants trading in silk, which he has been directed to prepare, he is to insert power to them to purchase lands in mortmain, to the value of 100*l.* per annum.

May 14. Buckingham. 35. Sir Thomas Hide, Sheriff of co. Buckingham, to the Council. Sends certificates of Justices of Peace in return to the letters of the Council of the 2nd April last. *Annexed,*

35. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Buckingham to the Council. Within the three hundreds of Buckingham there remain* 1,165 *quarters of grain; the number of inhabitants is* 5,105. 1631, *April* 20.

35. II. *Other Justices of Peace for the same co. to the same. Similar certificate for the three hundreds of Cottesloe. Grain remaining,* 3,446 *quarters; inhabitants,* 10,086. 1631, *April* 22.

35. III. *Sir Francis Goodwin to the Sheriff. Certificate for the three hundreds of Ashendon. Grain remaining,* 990 *quarters. Aylesbury,* 1631, *April* 28.

35. IV. *Another Justice of Peace to the same. Certificate for the hundred of Desborough.* 1631, *April* 30.

35. V. *Other Justices of Peace to the same* [?]. *Certificate for the three hundreds of Aylesbury.* [*Signed by John Hampden.*]

May 14. 36. Henry Duning to Nicholas. Richard Hals showed Sutton and Browne the warrant of the Lords of the Admiralty for his place, and told them he was presently to go to Portsmouth.

May 16. Whitehall. 37. Order of Council. A most ample legacy was given to the Town of Reading by John Kenrick, who died in December, in the last year of King James. The same having been misapplied, the Attorney General is to draw up a commission to Sir Francis

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Knollys, Sir Thomas Vachell, Sir Richard Harrison, Sir Edmund Sawyer, William Trumbull, and Francis Windebank, to repair to Reading, and report thereon.

May 16. Yarmouth. 38. Bailiffs of Yarmouth to the Council. With reference to the Order of Council of the 13th inst. (*see No.* 21.), they had stayed the ships alluded to, whereupon Thomas Hoarth, who is of good estate, and another, had entered into the bond, whereof a copy is inclosed. Thomas Hoarth's absence at that time would mainly prejudice him in his estate, credit, and health. *Inclosed,*

38. I. *Copy Bond of Thomas Hoarth and Robert Wilton, in* 500*l.*, *that the ships referred to shall not go into any parts within the privileges of the Greenland Company.* 1631, *May* 16.

May 16. Nicholas to Sir Kenelm Digby. The Lords of the Admiralty desire him some time this week to give notice to the Lord Chamberlain, whether the ships at Chatham will be ready by the 10th of next month, and when the ships at Portsmouth will be fit, so that the Lord Chamberlain may take order for the King's journey to see them. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, p.* 93.]

May 16. Arrow. 39. Thomas Case, parson of Arrow, co. Warwick, to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh, at his house in Drury Lane. Incloses a repentant letter from a son, bred a scholar in Oxford. The writer begs that he may have all his former privileges, which he had under the late Lord Conway, and that being visited with sickness, he may enjoy those privileges for his son. *Incloses,*

39. I. *Thomas Case the younger to Thomas Case his father. The letter above mentioned. Has got a schoolmaster's place at Spratton, through the means of Mr. Langham. Begs that his father will send him somewhat, and his mother a shirt, he cares not how coarse or bad. Spratton,* 1630, *May* 24.

May 16. Chilray. 40. John Fettiplace, Sheriff of co. Berks, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Justices of Assize. Sends certificates received from Justices of Peace. *Inclosed,*

40. I. *Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Berks of measures taken for relief of the poor within the division of Wantage.* 1631, *April* 16.

40. II. *Similar certificate for the division of Reading and Theale.* 1631, *April* 20.

40. III. *Similar certificate for the division of Faringdon.* 1631, *April* 25.

May 16. London. 41. Christopher Potticary to Nicholas. The writer and others have long dealt with merchants who have vented their cloths into the Archduchess's county, but finding a stop of trade in those parts,

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they will no longer take off their cloths upon any condition, to their great loss, and enforcing them to discharge a great number of poor people, unless the Council will give order for some present course to be taken to vent their cloths in those parts. There are seven manufacturers of white narrow list cloths, who employ at the least 1,500 poor people.

May 16. 42. Certificate of the Mayor of Guildford as to measures taken in that town for relief of the poor.

May 16. 43. Similar certificate from the Justices of Peace for Surrey, acting for the division of Tandridge and Reigate.

May 16. Rollesby. 44. Francis Mapes, Sheriff of Norfolk, to Lord Chief Justice Hyde. Reports what he had done under the letters of the Council, for relief of the poor, and states the contents of two certificates received by him; that mentioned in his letter of the 1st instant, *Vol.* cxc., *No.* 8, and the one of which a breviat is annexed. *Annexed,*

44. I. *Breviat of certificate of quantity of corn within the hundreds of East and West Flegg, Happing, and Tunstead, with a list of the Justices of Peace of the county, and their several divisions. The population of these hundreds is stated at* 5,513, *and the breadth of land to be sown therein with barley, at* 7,303 *acres.*

May 16. 45. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex of measures for relief of the poor within the rape of Arundel. Among other things they return the several bequests and gifts to pious uses within their division.

May 16. 46. Similar certificate of Justices of Peace for Cornwall to Sir John Trelawny, Sheriff, in relation to the hundred of Stratton.

May 16. 47. Similar certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Monmouth as to the hundred of Trelleck.

May 16. 48. Note of fines for leases received from 1628 to 1631, whilst Bishop Buckeridge was Bishop of Ely; total, 4,300*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Among them is "Sir Thomas Steward his lease for Ely Barton, "170*l.*"

May 17. The Court at Greenwich. 49. The King to Attorney General Heath. On the surrender by Sir Thomas Aylesbury of his place of Surveyor of the Navy, the Attorney General is to prepare a grant to him of the making the contrapoises or weights and balances for the King's moneys of gold for his life.

May 17. 50. Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord Privy Seal, and Sec. Coke to the Council. Report on the petition of John Harrison, late agent in Barbary. Recommend that the complaints of them of Sallee be referred to Sir Henry Marten; the petitioner's demands as to his arrears, to Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer; the letters from Sallee, to Secs. Dorchester and Coke; and that Sir Hugh Hammersley and

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Nicholas Leate should be sent for to answer why they do not pay 50 Barbary ducats for redeeming one William Jeffreys. Lastly, touching the petitioner's sister, they recommend that the Lord Keeper should call before him her nephew, Peter Harrison, and take course for her relief, also that letters be written into Ireland for determining her cause there according to justice, and into Scotland for examining Sir Jerome Lindsey, her son-in-law.

May 17. Suffolk House. 51. Theophilus Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Dorchester. The Barons of the Cinque Ports are suitors for the renewing of their charter with some explanations. Entreats him to move his Majesty for them.

May 17. Stafford. 52. William Wollaston, Sheriff of co. Stafford, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Justices of Assize. Sends certificates of Mayor and Justices of Peace for borough of Stafford. *Inclosed,*

52. I. *Certificate above mentioned. Measures taken to keep down the price of corn. Stafford,* 1631, *May* 16.

[May 17?] 53. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Stafford to the same. Measures taken by them for relief of the poor.

May 17. 54. Similar certificate of Mayor and Justices of Peace of Norwich. They have lately erected an hospital, called the Children's Hospital, of the foundation of King Charles, for nourishment and relief of poor orphan children born in that city.

May 18. Whitehall. 55. Order of Council for sending to the Attorney General the draft of a proclamation therein above written, for the better ordering of fishing upon the coasts of his Majesty's dominions, with a request that he would cause it to be engrossed for the King's signature.

May 18. Whitehall. 56. Order of Council that the Order in November last, for laying open new inclosures as tending to depopulation, should be put in exact execution unless the owner should consent to a decree in Chancery binding him not to decay any house of husbandry, nor lessen tillage, nor decay any highways; such decree to be obtained at the expense of the owner.

[May 18?] 57. Petition of John Reynolds, Master Gunner of England, to the Council. Having permitted divers citizens of London to exercise arms in his Majesty's Artillery Garden, and referred the settlement of days and times to the Council of War, submits that the Council should also determine the manner and place of their exercising, and regulations for use of the butt. *Annexed,*

57. I. *Copy Order of Council for regulating the use of the Artillery Garden, as between the Citizens above mentioned, Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, and the above petitioner.* 1631, *April* 22.

[May 18?] 58. Petition of Citizens of London and others exercising arms in the Artillery Garden, London, to the same. John Reynolds, the

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Master Gunner of England, refuses to obey the Order of the Council of the 22nd April last, for regulating the use of the Artillery Garden. Pray that he may be summoned to answer his contempt. [*The former order, which see, annexed to the preceding article, was confirmed this day, after having again heard both the parties. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 512.]

[May 18?] 59. Petition of Nathaniel Edwards to the Council. Complains that by misinformation of the Greenland Company, the ships of himself and his partners have been stayed just as they were about to put to sea. (*See before, No.* 21.) Prays that the Greenland Company may be ordered to furnish him with store of oil for use in Scotland, or that his ships may be allowed to go to Greenland to fish for that object. [*After hearing the Greenland Company the Council directed them to confer with the petitioner, with a view to a settlement of the differences between them. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 514. *A future order on the subject will be found in Vol.* cxcii., *No.* 37.]

May 18. Christ Church, Oxford. 60. Bishop Piers of Peterborough to Sir John Lambe. His Grace of Canterbury told the writer at Easter that his records shewed that his predecessors had nominated divers to the vicarage of Higham Ferrers, and he has since sent word that those records were with Sir John. Wishes to be satisfied of this. Has appointed to hear the case again the 28th inst. Sir John need not fear that he will set up any other title to this vicarage.

May 18. Margate. 61. Capt. John Mennes to William Trumbull. Was ready the 10th inst. in Margate roads, but the gentleman came not down until the 14th. Next day landed him at the Brill, and arrived that evening in Margate roads, on his way to Chatham. The Prince of Orange has marched up to Arnheim, to amuse the enemy; the employment is without doubt for the sea coast. The King of France has sent him 700,000 French crowns.

May 18. 62. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Monmouth of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Ragland.

May 18. 63. Similar certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex in relation to the rape of Chichester.

May 18. 64. Certificate of Sir Archibald Douglas that when he went to Germany in the service of the King of Denmark, in May 1627, Sergeant William Tyler had command of the soldiers shipped in the George, of Hamburgh.

May 19. Court at Greenwich. 65. The King to Attorney General Heath. Warrant to make an alteration in a grant of privilege to Capt. John Gilbert and James Freese, for sole use of an engine for cleansing the river Thames, lest some things in the grant should prove inconvenient to others that have privileges touching the ballasting of ships.

May 19. 66. Petition of Thomas Goble, fisherman, to Sec. Dorchester. Driving for mackerel between the Goodwin and Calais, certain

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Frenchmen entered his boat and pillaged him of his nets, sails, and provisions. Prays to be recommended to the French Ambassador for satisfaction. [*Underneath Sir Henry Marten has written his recommendation of the petitioner.*] *Annexed,*

66. I. *Declaration of William Spalding and John Watson, two of the company of the Simon and Jane belonging to Thomas Goble, in confirmation of the facts stated in the preceding petition.* 1631, *May* 19.

66. II. *Deposition of Thomas Goble, William Spalding, and John Watson, in further verification of the facts stated in the above petition.* 1631, *May* 19.

May 19. Daventry. 67. Justices of Peace for co. Northampton to Francis Nicolls, Sheriff. Return of proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundred of Fawsley.

May 20. Whitehall. 68. Order of Council. A commission was to be granted in November 1626 for deciding a controversy betwixt the City and the Tower about a mark-stone placed on Tower Hill, but no proceeding was had thereupon. The Lieutenant of the Tower having again lately removed that stone, a commission is to be issued to the Earl of Lindsey and others to find out the truth touching the extent of each of their liberties, and to certify thereon to the Council.

May 20. Leicester. 69. Mayor and others of Leicester to the Council. Report measures taken for relief of the poor.

[May 20.] 70. Petition of Gamaliel Acton, of Ipswich, merchant, to the same. Petitioner being in Dantzic, bought 350 quarters of rye to vend at Ipswich. On his arrival he sold the most part thereof, but thereupon received order from the Council to bring the same to London. He has kept it on shipboard, but has brought a sample to London, where he is told that it will not vend, wheat being only in use in the city. Prays warrant to utter the same in Ipswich. [*Ordered as prayed. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 524.]

May 20. 71. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. By warrant from the Lord Treasurer of 26 April 1631, William Willoughby was authorized to fell 800 timber trees in the forest of Shotover and Stow-wood, co. Oxford, and to sell the lops, tops, and bark. In the sale of the lops he has been hindered by Sir Timothy Tyrrell, who has threatened the purchasers with imprisonment in case they carried them away. Pray them to take order for the execution of Willoughby's warrant.

May 20. 72. The same to the same. Gervase Mundes, who has been for 50 years pulley maker to the Navy, is not able to perform that service as formerly. Recommend that Richard Mundes his son be appointed in his place.

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May 20. 73. Petition of the Deputies for making Saltpetre to the Lords of the Admiralty. About two years since petitioners contracted with the Lords of the Admiralty to furnish saltpetre for seven years, whereupon they provided utensils of great value. It being their Lordships' pleasure to renew the contract with reduced proportions and increased price of carriages, and conditions so restrictive that, as may appear by the annexed reasons, they are not able to do the service, they pray for such a commission as shall enable them to perform the service, and if the Lords raise the price of carriages, that they will give a proportionable price for petre. *Annexed,*

73. I. *Reasons for insertion in the new commission of clauses as to the mode of ascertaining the number of miles between place and place, and objections to the proposed clauses respecting the quantity to be esteemed a cart load; also reasons in opposition to a restriction against setting tubs within doors, against the payment of* 8*d. per mile for carriages, and other clauses now suggested.*

May 20. 74. Petition of Edward Powell to the same. Richard Jolliff having been fetched up by messenger touching payment for his Majesty's part of the Dolphin, had leave to go home on bond of 200*l.* to repair hither again in 14 days. The time having expired and Jolliff not returned, petitioner prays that the bond may be returned into the Exchequer, and that he may have the benefit thereof.

May 20. 75. Petition of Isabell Boreman to the same. Petitioner 12 years past lent Thomas Austen 20*l.*, which he delays to repay. Being one of the Four Masters of the Navy, she prays liberty to arrest him.

May $\frac{20.}{30.}$ Before Rammekins. 76. Gilbert Abrahall to Sec. Dorchester. In favour of —— Monger, who had committed some unfortunate action in England. During the time he was in the writer's company, he never did anything that was not fitting for a gentleman. Hopes the Sec. will be favourable to him.

May 20. 77. Sir Ralph Dutton, Sheriff of co. Gloucester, to the Honorable and Reverend Judges, Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock. Sends an inclosed certificate. *Inclosed,*

77. I. *Justices of Peace of co. Gloucester to the Sheriff. Report the measures taken for relief of the poor.* 1631, *May* 5.

May 20. 78. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to the Sheriff. Certify their proceedings for relief of the poor in the half hundreds of Grimshoe and Wayland and hundred of South Greenhoe.

May 20. 79. Similar certificate of other Justices of the same county, but not addressed, in relation to the hundreds of Earsham, Diss, Deepwade, and Henstead.

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May 20. The Bonaventure in the Downs. 80. Instructions and Orders of Capt. John Pennington, as Admiral of the Narrow Seas for the present employment, to be kept by all officers and common men in his fleet. Their employment was to be to free the coasts from pirates, and their principal rendezvous was to be the Downs. If they saw Hollanders and Dunkirkers in fight at sea they were not to take part with either, but to pass by and leave them to their fortunes.

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May 21. 1. Draft commencement of what seems to have been intended for an Order of Council on a petition of Nathaniel Edwards to the King, referred by him to the Council, respecting the failure of the supply of oil for Scotland, in consequence of his disputes with the Greenland Company.

May 21. 2. Sir Ralph Dutton, Sheriff of co. Gloucester, to the Council. Has returned all the certificates he has yet received to Sir William Jones, one of the Justices of Assize for that county.

May 21. Whitehall. 3. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington. Private instructions as Admiral of the fleet in the Narrow Seas. If he chances to meet any fleet belonging to any foreign Prince, he is to compel the Admiral, in acknowledgment of his Majesty's sovereignty, to strike his topsail in passing by. If he suspects any foreign considerable preparations, he is to do his best endeavour to discover them, by taking information from all passengers, and by sending private men of skill into the places where such preparations are being made.

May 21. 4. Copy of the preceding, in the handwriting of Nicholas.

May 21. The Downs. 5. Captain John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. On 17th came aboard his ship below Tilbury Hope, and after being becalmed in Margate Roads reached the Downs that morning. His own ship wants a main topsail, and the mainmast of the St. Claude is so rotten that they durst not put a sail upon it. He has sent her away to Chatham to be supplied. Desires instructions whether he shall put to sea before the rest of his ships come to him.

May 21. The Downs. 6. The same to Nicholas. Incloses to him the above letter for his information and for delivery. Has written to Capt. Pett about his wants indicated above.

May 21. Whitehall. 7. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington. He is to see that the fishermen use not any trawls from the Long Sand Head to Beachy Head, and also to cause some of his vessels to

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range the Zowe, near Rye, and if they find any Frenchmen there fishing without licence, he is to seize their nets, and send the masters and the boats into some of his Majesty's ports. [*Copy authenticated by Nicholas.*]

May 21. Another copy of the same. [*See Vol.* clvii., *fol.* 117 *b.*]

May 21. 8. Nicholas's minutes of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty this day. The cases of Moundeford, William Browne and William Sutton, William Willoughby and Sir Timothy Tyrrell, William Bardwell and Sir William Withypoll, are mentioned with others.

May 21. 9. Petition of Francis Moundeford, attorney in the Court of Common Pleas, to the Lords of the Admiralty. On a letter from Capt. Scras, petitioner caused a writ to be issued against John Beaulie and William Manfield, of Cowes, who, as it now appears, are officers of his Majesty. The thing done is usual among attornies, and if he has offended it was merely out of ignorance, and he is most heartily sorry. Prays his discharge.

May 21. 10. Similar petition of the same to Lord Treasurer Weston, Captain of the Isle of Wight.

May 21. Harefield. 11. Alice Countess Dowager of Derby to Sec. Dorchester. Sends a letter for his Majesty. Has been much afflicted for her daughter Castlehaven and grandchild Audley, and entreats him to beseech the King to excuse her taking the latter yet a while, in regard she disobeyed the writer's command in refusing to live with her husband. The writer has already two of her young brothers and her sister, and is fearful lest there should be some sparks of her grandchild Audley's misbehaviour remaining, which might give ill example. Until there be an atonement between her and her husband, and her daughter and she receive their pardon from the King, she shall never willingly yield to see either of them. *Inclosed,*

11. I. *The same to the King. Urges the same points above insisted upon, and prays to be excused taking her grandchild, Lady Audley, having vowed not to do so on the grounds above stated.*

May 21. St. John's. 12. William Earl of Exeter to Henry Earl of Holland. The Earl of Holland not having come to town yesterday, the writer would not have importuned him again, but that it is the common talk of the town that as Sir Christopher Hatton gave the writer the first affront in that which was his, so he is so much more powerful than the writer and all his friends, as he vows to give him this second affront, though the writer be Lieutenant of the county, and Warden of the forest, which contains Pipwell woods. Trusts his honour in the Earl of Holland's hands, which is something more than his life.

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May 21. Greenwich. 13. E. Barnard to Sir Francis Nethersole, Secretary to the Queen of Bohemia. Mr. Dinley, the bearer, will excuse the writer's long silence. The writer's master took Mr. Dinley to the King to receive from his own mouth an answer to Sir Francis's letter of February last. Hopes it will content him.

May 21. 14. John Fettiplace, Sheriff of Berks, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Justices of Assize. Sends them certificates received from the Mayors of Newbury and Abingdon. *Inclosed,*

14. I. *Certificate of the Mayor of Abingdon to the Sheriff of Berks, of the price of corn in that borough.* 1631, *April* 25.

14. II. *The like of the Mayor and another of Newbury to the same. Sets forth measures taken for the relief of the poor.* 1631, *May* 16.

May 22. 15. Petition of James White, B.D., to the King. Petitioner being instituted to the prebend of Husborne and Burbadge, in the cathedral of Salisbury, has continued there almost two years. Part of the same being situate in the diocese of Winton, he should have taken institution from the Bishop of that diocese also. Not knowing the custom he had omitted the same, but by favour of the now Bishop he had obtained institution thereto. Prays the King's confirmation. *Underwritten,*

15. I. *Minute that the King grants petitioner's request, and that the Attorney General is to prepare a bill for confirmation. Greenwich,* 1631, *May* 22.

May 22. 16. Petition of all the inhabitants of the city of Westminster to the same. All the water which serves the said city, as well for the use and health of the people, as also for cleansing and clearing the city, has its beginning from the springs and wastes of the park of Marylebone and Tyburn, and is thence conveyed in pipes through Hyde Park. This water is now taken from them by the keepers of Hyde Park, under pretence that the ponds there lack water for the King's deer, which ponds petitioners know to be full. Pray that the examination thereof may be referred to the Lord Chamberlain, High Steward of Westminster. *Underwritten,*

16. I. *Reference to the Lord Privy Seal, Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Holland, and Sec. Dorchester, who are to call before them the petitioners and Thomas Baldwin, Comptroller of the Works. Greenwich,* 1631, *May* 22.

May 22. 17. Petition of Sir Robert Knollys to the same. Being next heir to the Earl of Banbury has agreed with him and the Countess for the present possession of the manor of Grays, the reversion whereof is in the Crown. Prays the King to grant the reversion to the petitioner, who is the next heir male, there being eleven heirs male alive inheritable, and to accept of a covenant as soon as a fine and recovery shall be perfected to re-convey the same, so that the

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King may re-grant the same to petitioner and Joan his wife, and to the heirs male of his body, and to the heirs male of Richard Knollys, his father, deceased, the remainder to the heirs male of Sir Francis Knollys, his uncle, and for want of such issue to revert to the Crown. *Underwritten,*

17. I. *Reference to the Attorney General to propound such grant for his Majesty's signature as is requisite. Greenwich,* 1631, *May* 22.

May 22. 18. Bill of services and disbursements by Sir John Finet, master of the ceremonies, in attendance upon Ambassadors, from April 12, 1630, to this day. Total 260*l.* 13*s.*

May 22. 19. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Norfolk as to the store of corn remaining, and measures taken for relief of the poor, in the hundreds of East Flegg, West Flegg, Happing, and Tunstead.

May 23. Westminster. 20. The King to Henry Earl of Holland, Chancellor of Cambridge, and Bishop Laud, Chancellor of Oxford. They having petitioned that the Commission to reduce all fees to the amount allowed in 11th Elizabeth, might not trench on the liberties granted to the Universities, his Majesty wills them to write to their Deputy Governors to require them to rectify all fees given to officers, readers, beadles, registrars, or others, for degrees or anything else, to that quantity they bore in the 11th Elizabeth, for the abuse is burdensome to them which bring up their sons in learning, and the King will rectify it if they do not see it remedied.

May 23. 21. Copy of the preceding.

May 23. 22. Petition of Charles Holmes, Robert Wickham, and Thomas Amton, to the King. Petitioners have agreed for the purchase of Swineshead fen, otherwise called the Eight Hundred fen, in co. Lincoln, and for better security of the title they are advised to be suitors that the King would accept a conveyance thereof, and re-grant the same at an increased fee-farm rent. *Underwritten,*

22. I. *Reference to the Attorney General to confer with petitioner and certify his opinion. Greenwich,* 1631, *May* 23.

May 23. 23. Edward Duncombe and Francis Staunton to the Council. In obedience to their letters they had forbidden the stocking up of Washeridge and Kenoe woods, in co. Bedford, the former being the property of Sir Hatton Fermor, the latter of Mr. Beverley. They state to what extent the stocking up had proceeded in both cases.

May 23. 24. John Bainbrigg, Sheriff of co. Leicester, to the Council. Sends certain certificates lately received. *Inclosed,*

24. I. *Justices of Peace of co. Leicester to the Council. Describes the inclosures lately made by the Earl of Stamford, in Broughton Astley, and by Henry Turvile, in Croft, both in or near the hundred of Goodlaxton.*

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24. II. *Certificate of Sir John Skeffington that William Bent, of Billesdon, co. Leicester, concealed himself, and would not be spoken with respecting his inclosure in Frisby in that county.*

May 23. 25. Justices of Peace for co. Stafford to the Council. Send certificate of the provision of corn and grain in the hundred of Offlow, and explain that corn holds a high price among them, on account of the scarcity in neighbour counties, and their many corporations, to which the authority of the writers did not extend. They had procured the maltsters and ale sellers of Lichfield, Burton, and Tamworth, to contribute certain sums to the relief of the poor.

May 23. Hadleigh. 26. Justices of Peace for Suffolk to the same. In the beginning of the reign of the late King, the Council, with his Majesty's consent, granted a toleration to the clothiers of Suffolk for straining a certain number of broad cloths to a further extent than the laws in force did limit, whereby much good has ever since come to the clothiers and merchants, and profit to the common weal. In behalf of the clothiers and the many thousands of poor people who depend upon them, the writers solicit that this toleration may be continued, and that the clothiers may not be disturbed with informations for breach of the statutes in that behalf.

May 23. 27. Sir Thomas Roe to Sec. Dorchester. Had he been able to come would have waited on him on behalf of the bearer, a stranger, who came into England to serve the King and honour his own art, which Dorchester will not esteem the less because some admire it not. His Majesty said he would have one, but if it please him not, Dorchester may have it, and the artist will use him as he did the writer at Hamburgh, 30*l.* for the greater sort and 10*l.* for the less.

May 23. Westminster. 28. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Sends him the instructions he had written for [*probably the private instructions of May 21, No. 3.*] There would have been more hands to it, but the Lords are dispersed to their country houses. A letter is signed for his transporting Mons. Gerbier, his Majesty's agent for Flanders, to Dunkirk, and bringing back the King of Spain's agent. He will hasten the St. Claude away. Sir Pierce Crosby goes with 2,000 Irish and 1,000 English to the King of Sweden, as he is told. Mr. Carteret is appointed Pennington's Lieutenant.

May 23. 29. J. Arnett to his cousin, Mrs. Alice Carter, at Dinton. Solicits answer to a previous letter, upon the plea that archers when they have lost one arrow shoot another the same way, and by that means come to find both again. Reports the religious state of his feelings since he last wrote.

May 24. Greenwich. Proclamation for the better ordering of fishing upon the coasts of his Majesty's dominions. The Lords of the Admiralty, and all

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other officers are called upon to cause the laws for regulation of fishing, and the orders of the Court of Admiralty thereon, to be observed, and trawl and other nets which have not their meshes according to law to be destroyed. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 142.]

May 24. Corby. 30. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Council. Report a fresh survey of corn in the hundreds of Aveland, Winibrigg, and Threhoe. Prices daily fall, wheat being at 54*s.* or 56*s.* the quarter.

May 24. 31. Notes of a sermon upon James i. 16, indorsed by Bishop Laud as being "Mr. Hill's sermon of Hart Hall, at St. Mary's in "Oxford; in S. Jaco. i. 16." The following is part of a marked sentence at the close:—"Popish darts whet afresh on a Dutch "grindstone have pierced deep, and without speedy succour will "prove mortal, &c. I am persuaded that these late transmarine "tenets had not been so jolly and brisk among us, nor the opposite "truth so diametrically condemned by many, had they first made "proof of these points in their own retired and serious contem-"plations, &c."

May 24. Chatham. 32. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to [Nicholas]. Slow progress of the Antelope. They have neither ammunition, sails, cables, nor men, only their provisions of victual are there, so that they may eat for the King though they cannot fight for him. Begs him to inform the Lords of that neglect.

May 24. 33. Order of the Star Chamber in a cause of Thomas Bond, John Morley, and others, against Thomas Hilliard, salpetreman, Elizabeth his wife, and others his servants, for divers abuses in the performance of his office. It being stated that defendant Hilliard, in his examination, had confessed the charges in the bill, but had alleged that "Old Richard" and "Welsh Will" were his agents on the occasions complained of, it was referred to Mr. Goad, deputy clerk of the Court, to consider of the defendant's examination, and if he shall find it as stated, defendants were to become bound in sureties to appear at the hearing. It was also ordered that Thomas Hilliard should bring in "Old Richard" and "Welsh Will" to appear and answer the plaintiff's bill. [*Copy.*]

May 24. Taunton. 34. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff. Report their proceedings for keeping down the price of corn and relieving the poor in the division of Taunton.

[May 25?] 35. Petition of Theodore Gransin, of Lubeck, to the King. Petitioner delivered petitions on 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th March, and 5th April last, to the Council, but never obtained answer, therefore is forced again to demonstrate his case to the King and the Lords. Sets forth the nature of his claim against Henry Skipwith, and the various measures taken by him to procure payment, down to an endeavour on the 7th March last to arrest his dead body, but in vain. Prays that Henry Skipwith's son may be ordered to pay the amount (*see Vol.* clix., *No.* 6.) *Annexed,*

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35. I. *Petition of Theodore Gransin to the King's Judges and Privy Councillors. After fruitless suit for a year and a quarter, prays relief. Lat.*

35. II. *Another petition of the same to the Council. Urgently prays relief. Lambeth,* 1630, *May* 14. *Lat.*

35. III. *Another similar petition, undated. Lat.*

35. IV. *Another similar petition, after nineteen months' solicitation. Lat.*

35. V. *Another petition of the same to the same. Sets forth the facts and evidences in support of the petitioner's claim against Skipwith and his representatives. He died in Lambeth on 7th March last, and was buried there on the following 16th. Lat.* [*By an entry on the Council Reg. it appears that the question in dispute in this matter was, many years previously, referred to arbitration, with the concurrence of the petitioner's agent, Herman Hulsco, and that the arbitrators awarded payment by Skipwith of* 160*l.* 17*s.*, *which was accordingly paid to Hulsco. The Council ordered these facts to be entered on the Register, and admonished Gransin to desist from further troubling his Majesty or the Board. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 558.]

May 25. 36. The Muscovy Company, adventurers to Greenland, to the Council. Answer to the charges brought against them by Nathaniel Wright.

May 25. Whitehall. 37. Order of Council in the dispute between the Muscovy Company, adventurers to Greenland, and Nathaniel Wright, Thomas Hoarth, and Nathaniel Edwards. Wright and Hoarth were to enter into bonds of 1,000*l.* a piece, that the two ships stayed at Yarmouth should not go within the limits of the countries included in the patent of the Muscovy Company, and then their ships should be released. For Mr. Edwards, when he should procure John Johnston to release the bargain made with the company for 100 tons of oils to furnish the kingdom of Scotland, and should resume his patent out of the hands of Hoarth, then he might come and treat with the company for such a quantity of oils as might serve that kingdom.

May 25. 38. Copy of the preceding.

May 25. Whitehall. 39. Order of Council, that if Giles Penn, of Bristol, merchant, do not give satisfaction to Daniel Gorsuch, before Penn's present protection expires, Gorsuch might take such course for the recovery of the debt owing to him as the law allowed. [*Copy.*]

May 25. 40. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Council. Report measures taken for supply of the markets of Spalding, Donington, and Boston. The price of barley is 4*s.* 8*d.* the strike.

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May 25. 41. Petition of Humphrey Yeo and William Graddon to the Council. Petitioners above 12 years ago disbursed 20*l.* for repair of the chancel of the parish church of Shebbeare, co. Devon. State the course of a long litigation in consequence between petitioners and Sir William Cope and John Courtier, late "proprieators," and Sir Thomas Hole, the present "proprieator," against whom he had obtained a monition for payment of 44*l.* 5*s.*, but they had severally appealed, one to the Court of Audience, and the other to the Arches. Pray command for present payment. [*Referred for settlement to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 532.]

May 25. 42. Petition of the Clothiers of Hadleigh, co. Suffolk, to the same. By Act of Parliament no clothier should stretch any broad cloth in length above one yard, and in breadth above one half quarter of a yard. In the time of King James, for the benefit of merchants trading into Eastland, Muscovy, and Barbary, the Council granted a toleration, and for 20 years past the clothiers of Essex, Suffolk, Somerset, Gloucester, and Coventry have acted thereon. But now George Woolridge has preferred informations against John Blewett, of Hadleigh, and threatens to prosecute many others. Pray relief.

[May 25.] Knight Rider Street 43. Henry Dade to Nicholas. Mr. Davyle has demanded of him the other moiety of the money taken for the masts to be paid into the Admiralty. Had stated that he retained one half for Sir Lionel Tollemache, who had a grant of half the wreck by his patent from the Duke, and the other half for himself for his trouble. Begs Nicholas to answer for him, in case Mr. Davyle makes any complaint against him to the Lords.

[May 25.] 44. Certificate delivered to the Commissioners for Buildings, to be presented to the Council, describing certain new buildings now in process of erection; one in Long Acre by Scipio Squire, the other, near St. Martin's Lane, by Simon Compton. [*The complaint against Squire was referred to Sir Henry Spiller, Lawrence Whitaker, Inigo Jones, and George Long. Reg. Conc. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 538.]

May 26. 45. Petition of Lewis Tayte, anchorsmith to his Majesty, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Phineas Pett is indebted to petitioner 250*l.*, and protects himself from any legal course by the privileges of his Majesty's service. Prays that he may be allowed to recover his debt by course of law.

May 26. 46. Petition of Francis Longstone, of London, merchant, to the Council of War. Capt. John Swayneton having died indebted to Margaret Drotterson, of Stade, 60*l.*, debts owing there to petitioner have been stayed in consequence. Prays that Julian Calandrini may stay that 60*l.* out of money owing to Capt. Swayneton in his hands.

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May 26. June 5. St. Sebastian's. 47. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Has written by sundry conveyances, but has never heard from Wellingham. Shall have his money by the next ship, but will not write any more until he hears from him or the writer's sister. Mentions his aunt Lewis, Mr. Watson and his wife, Mr. Launcelot and his son.

May 26. 48. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff. Certify measures taken for relief of the poor and abatement of the price of corn in the hundreds of Whitley, North Petherton, Cannington, Andersfield, Huntspill, and Puriton, co. Somerset. Wheat that day at Bridgewater, 8*s*.

May 26. 49. Similar certificate of other Justices of the same county for the hundreds of Chew, Chewton, and Keynsham.

May 26. 50. Similar certificate of other Justices of the same county for the divisions in which Ilchester, Yeovil, Somerton, and Langport were the places of meeting.

May 26. 51. Similar certificate of Justices of Peace of co. Monmouth for the hundred of Skenfreth. *Annexed,*

51. I. *Names of poor children bound apprentices in the hundreds of Skenfreth, Ragland, and Trelleck, in co. Monmouth.*

May 26. 52. Examination paper in theology, with the answers. Lat. [*Indorsed "Mr. Goodwin's examination."*]

May 27. Sleaford. 53. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Council. Have taken an exact survey again of the corn within Sleaford Sessions, and enjoined those who have more than needful store to bring the surplusage to market. Prices daily fall. Wheat 55*s*. the quarter. Measures for relief of the poor.

May 27. The Downs. 54. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Dorchester. News brought from the Low Countries by an English bark. Siege of Bruges by the Spaniards. Desertions from their army. Is ready to obey commands for the transport of Mr. Gerbier.

May 27. Delft. 55. John Quarles to the same [?]. Reports at great length the results of a conference with three cloth buyers at the Hague, with whom Sir Dudley Carleton appointed him to treat on behalf of the English clothiers, in order to come to a settlement of the question respecting the taring of English cloth. The evils and abuses to be avoided on both sides are fully explained, and the measures proposed to be adopted in consequence. These measures had been agreed to, subject to the approval of the governments on both sides.

May 27. London. 56. Christopher Yelverton to Mr. Hawkins, Secretary to the Earl of Holland. The Earl, as Justice in Eyre, constitutes in every shire his Deputy Justice. That of Northamptonshire is vacant, which being the writer's own country, he prays the appointment.

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May 27. Charing Cross. 57. Sir Robert Naunton to [Sir Francis Nethersole]. Is glad the King has engaged himself so far. For the news the bearer can better relate it, for the writer is grown retired in respect of a lameness and some disfavour from the higher powers, which he leaves to the consideration of the Highest. Prays to be still preserved in the good opinion of the Queen of Bohemia.

May 27. 58. Justices of Peace for co. Monmouth to the Sheriff of the same county. Report measures taken by them for relief of the poor within the hundred of Wentllooge.

May 27. 59. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Francis Bradshaw, Sheriff. Similar report for the division of Morleston and Litchurch.

May 27. Shrewsbury. 60. Edward Jones to Humphrey Walcot, Sheriff of co. Salop. The Justices of Peace for the hundred of Oswestry about last assizes did their best endeavours for providing for the poor, and he thinks they have done the same since Easter, but he has been in London from Easter to Whitsuntide.

May 28 [?]. 61. Attorney General Heath to the King. Report on a petition once annexed. The petitioners desire to surrender certain fen grounds to the King, and to take back the same at an increased rent of 100*l.* per an. They do this in the hope, by the help of the King's interest, the better to improve their fen. There can be no inconvenience thereby.

May 28. The Downs. 62. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Daily attends Mr. Gerbier. Hears nothing of the Antelope, nor of the return of the St. Claude, nor of the victuals for the Whelp. Desires that they may be presently sent to him. As soon as he has been over to Dunkirk, intends to range the French coast as high as Conquet, and then return to our coast to find out the haunt of the pirates. Repeats information in his letter of yesterday to Sec. Dorchester.

May 28. The Downs. 63. The same to Nicholas. Received his new instructions. Does not well know what to make of them, but shall do his best to observe them. Begs him to hasten away the victuals for the Whelp, and to let him know when the Marquis [of Hamilton] goes away.

May 28. June 7. Florence. 64. William Viscount Grandison to Sec. Dorchester. Happiness he derives from living in the Sec.'s remembrance. Entreats him to keep the writer in the King's recollection.

May 28. Taunton. 65. Mayor and another of Taunton to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Report measures taken for relief of the poor.

May 28. 66. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Surrey of the quantity of corn remaining in the Middle division of that county.

May 28. 67. Inigo Jones, Lawrence Whitaker, and George Long [to the Council]. William Cooke, stationer, had built a shed of timber in

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the open street in High Holborn, adjoining to Furnival's Inn, and, having been committed to Newgate till he should demolish the same, lies in prison, and the shed continues. Suggest order to the Principal of Furnival's Inn or the Sheriff of London to take it down.

May 28. 68. Valuation, signed by Bishop Bowle, of Rochester, of certain farm produce, indorsed by Bishop Laud as being "The rates of the "parsonage of Bradfield, in Berkshire."

May 29. Westminster. 69. John Earl of Clare to Sec. Dorchester. If he presents the petition on the morrow [*sic*], being the Prince's birth-day, that circumstance may bring forth a better acceptation. Nothing doubts the Lord Treasurer will join in it, as he has promised. Nor will his Majesty's late favour to Mr. Selden block up the passage, but rather facilitate the way of grace once opened.

May 30. Haverfordwest. 70. Justices of Peace for co. Pembroke to the Council. A proposition submitted to them to raise manufactures of cloth in that county was of so great length, and the matter of so much moment, that they could not suddenly resolve upon setting it forward. They have consulted as to raising a stock to set the poor to work, and shall report thereon, but do not wish to be mistaken as having agreed to the proposition before mentioned. There is a report that the Dutchmen have an inclination to work their wools. If so the writers crave that the conditions may be made known to them.

[May 30?] 71. Proposition to the Commissioners for the trade of clothing for entertaining into the co. of Pembroke a number of workpeople with some clothiers to be employed in making cloth. The great natural advantages of co. Pembroke, arising from its situation, are pointed out, and the inhabitants are described as "healthful, civil, "merely English, peaceable, cherishing the stranger, and well "stored with the preaching of the word." It is stated that eight people can be maintained with "healthful and convenient diet, and "all household expense for 20*s.* a week and under." Welcome and protection are guaranteed.

May 30. London. 72. Philip Burlamachi to Sec Dorchester. Dalbier, thinking to play some trick, has done injury to himself, being more strictly watched than ever. He has sent the bearer, a Scottish soldier, to see if he can have any help. Mr. Heller has also returned from Hamburgh to convey the King's letters to Brussels or elsewhere. Fr.

May 30. Westminster. 73. Humphrey Fulwood to Sec. Coke. Sends copy of a letter written to Mr. Mynne, conveying the Sec.'s pleasure concerning the roots, &c., with his answer.

May 30. 74. Mayor and others of Bridgewater to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Certify measures taken by them for relief of the poor.

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May 30. Newport, in the Isle of Wight. 75. Richard Jolliff to Nicholas. Excuses his non-attendance before the Council, in consequence of the wreck of a ship of Anquusion [Enckhuysen] of 250 tons, on the coast of the Isle of Wight, and his consequent occupation in preserving the goods for the owners.

May 31. Whitehall. 76. The Council to Attorney General Heath. Sir Francis Knollys, Sir Thomas Vachell, Sir Richard Harrison, Sir Edmund Sawyer, William Trumbull, and Francis Windebank are appointed to repair to Reading, and inquire how a legacy of 8,350*l.* given by John Kenrick, of London, draper, has been disposed of. He is to cause a commission to be drawn for this purpose.

May 31. Whitehall. 77. The same to Sir Francis Vincent, Sir John Litcott, Sir Thomas Evelyn, and another. Divers persons about [Kingston] have begun to stock up certain woods to the hindrance of his Majesty's recreation, and some of Moulsey have inclosed certain common grounds through which the way lies to Hampton Court and Oatlands, they are to inform themselves of these abuses, and if done contrary to law to stay the same, and certify who are the parties who have offended. [*Unsigned; considerably damaged by damp.*]

May 31. Bircham. 78. Dr. John Hassall, Dean of Norwich, to Sec. Dorchester. On Wednesday last Archbishop Harsnet of York put off this mortality. The present opportunity, by the vacancies of York, Ely, and Worcester, is likely to afford a number of removes, primary and subordinate. Among which the writer solicits preferment.

May 31. 79. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to the Sheriff. Certify measures for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Blofield, Walsham, and Taverham.

May. East Greenwich. 80. The King to Attorney General Heath. It is the King's pleasure to grant to the Queen the fine of 12,000*l.* imposed on Sir Giles Alington in the High Commission Court for an incestuous marriage with the daughter of Michael Dalton, and the fine of 2,000*l.* imposed on Michael Dalton for contriving that marriage. The Attorney General is to take care that the decree of the Court be speedily drawn up, and to draw a bill for granting those fines to the Queen. [*Day of date left bank.*]

May. 81. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Francis Vivian and Captain Hannibal Bonithon. His Majesty, on the petition of Sir William Killigrew, having declared his purpose to hear the differences concerning the jurisdiction of Pendennis Castle above St. Mawes, they are therefore to forbear the execution of the order of the 6th inst. (*see Vol.* CXC., *No.* 32.) until further order. [*Signed only by Secs. Dorchester and Coke. The Lord Treasurer signed it, but his name was afterwards struck out.*]

[May ?] 82. Petition of Robert Bridges to the Council. Petitioner being servant to Lady Villiers, and employed by her in the Forest of

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Dean, gave notice to her of riots at Mailescott and elsewhere in the Forest, and discovered the names of the actors therein. On some informations unknown to him he has been sent for by a messenger, and has attended these three weeks. Prays for a hearing.

[May ?] 83. Petition of the Vice-Chancellor, Mayor, and others of Cambridge, to the Council. In the late visitation they found that the erecting of cottages, the receiving of inmates, the mingling of trades, multiplying of tradesmen, and retaining of apprentices, especially by bone lace makers, have been the causes of great poverty. Pray them to re-establish the orders theretofore made concerning cottages, and inmates with such as have thatched houses, and that in Cambridge no one shall exercise any trade unless he have served there as an apprentice, nor take as an apprentice or servant any one not born there.

[May ?] 84. Francis Nicolls, Sheriff of co. Northampton, to the same. Incloses letter from Justices of the Peace. *Inclosed,*

84. *Justices of Peace for co. Northampton to Francis Nicolls. Return of proceedings in relation to markets and poor, from* 28 *Sept.* 1630, *throughout the soke of Peterborough. Wheat is now* 6*s.* 6*d. per bushel. Castor,* 1631, *April* 18.

[May ?] 85. Petition of John Baker, of Barley, co. Herts, to the same. Sets forth his ill-usage by Daniel Smith and Thomas Smith his son (*see Vol.* clxxiii., *No.* 44 ; *Vol.* clxxxvii., *Nos.* 20 *and* 21), and that having been awarded 25*l.* in satisfaction, Smith and his son refused to pay the same. Prays redress. [*Daniel Smith having been sent for, appeared on the* 3*rd June* (*Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 13), *and was committed to the Fleet on the* 17*th* (*Ibid, p.* 39). *He was discharged on submission on* 13*th July following* (*Ibid, p.* 96), *Baker being left to the ordinary course of justice.*]

[May ?] 86. Petition of Sir John Monson to the same. Petitioner stands committed to the Fleet. Is in imperfect health, which is likely to be impaired by the closeness of the prison. Prays discharge, and promises obedience to their commands. [*Sir John was committed to the Fleet on the* 18*th inst. Reg. Conc. Car. I., Vol.* vi., *p.* 521.]

[May ?] 87. Statement of grievances threatened and attempted to be put upon the clergy of the diocese of Sarum, co. Wilts, principally through the means of John Toppe, the High Sheriff.

[May ?] 88. Grievances put upon Dr. Green, parson of Stockton, co. Wilts. An apprentice was endeavoured to be forced upon him, his servant was required to keep watch and ward, and his curate was served with a warrant for refusing to write passes for vagrants.

May. 89. Reformations conceived fit in the Commissions for the Saltpetremen ; in the handwriting of Sec. Coke.

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May? 90. Agreement between James Maxwell and William Murray, Grooms of the Bedchamber, and Christopher Bainbridge, Groom of the Privy Chamber, of the one part, and John Franklin and others, workmen armourers, and Henry Rowland and others, gunmakers, Commissioners in a Commission now passing the seals concerning the dressing of arms, of the other part, for the division between the several parties interested, of the profit to arise by virtue of that Commission. [*Draft.*]

May. 91. Complaint of the flax and hemp dressers against a restraint procured by the Eastland merchants. [*Another copy of Vol.* clxxx., *No.* 89.]

May. 92. Another copy of the same, indorsed by Sec. Dorchester as relating to or coming from "Flax and hemp dressers of Reading."

May. 93. Schedule of inclosures of arable land made within two years in the wapentakes of Bingham and Rushcliffe, in co. Nottingham.

May? 94. Certificates of other inclosures in the wapentakes of Bassetlaw, Thurgarton, Aleigh, and Newark, in the same county. Under the parish of "Barmbie cum Bilbie" occurs "Rob. Cromwell, of "arable land, 4 acres 2 roods."

[May.] 95. Return of Viewers of the barns in the parish of Tiverton, made to the Justices of Peace for co. Devon. It sets forth the quantities of corn remaining to be brought into the market of Tiverton.

[May?] 96. Sir George Burdett to Francis Bradshaw, Sheriff of co. Derby. His endeavours have been earnest in discharge of his duty respecting bringing down the price of corn, inclosures, and binding apprentices, but his proceedings have been of no effect, by reason there is no Justice of Peace in the division of Reppingdon and Gresley that can attend that service. Sir John Ferrers pleads age, Sir George Gresley is in suits of law, Sir William Kniveton is old and infirm.

[May?] 97. Sir John Ferrers to the same. Has observed monthly meetings in obedience to the letters of the Council and the late proclamation, but nothing was presented. For the last half year has not been able to travel from his house at Walton.

[May?] 98. Justices of Peace for co. Sussex to the Council. Certificate of measures taken for abatement of the price of corn and relief of the poor in the east part of the Downs of that county.

[May?] 99. Other Justices of Peace for the same co. to the same. Similar certificate for "the wildish part" of the rape of Pevensey. Their part of the county affords great plenty of work. The clothiers of Kent set on work the women and children, and the iron works of Sussex yield employment for the stronger bodies.

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1631. [May ?] 100. Petition of William Belou to Lord Treasurer Weston. Prefixes a long narrative of his endeavours to procure payment of arrears due to the late Duke of Holstein and himself, and the grants made to him for that purpose. His grant of forfeitures has been wholly unproductive, petty felons being embezzled by under officers, and eminent felons begged and given away by his Majesty. A petition to the King on this subject having been referred to the Lord Treasurer, petitioner reminds him of the saying of the Earl of Salisbury, "God forbid the Great Seal of England should fail!" Prays that he may receive the composition offered for the estate of the late Earl of Castlehaven.

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June 1. 1. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Council. Certify the results of a search through the wapentakes of Lawress, Aslacoe, and Well, for all sorts of grain. *Inclose,*

1. I. *Return for Upton and other parishes.* 1631, *May* 6. [*In this and the other similar returns, the names of the residents are given as well as the quantities of corn, and in some cases the number of the family.*]
1. II. *The like for Kettlethorpe, and other places.* [*In this return John, William, Thomas, and Jane Foxe are mentioned, and Michael Coale.*]
1. III. *The like for Brampton and Gate Burton.* [*Here is a Thomas Coale.*]
1. IV. *The like for the hundred of Aslacoe.* [*Here are Viscount Castleton and Sir John Wray*] 1631, *May.*
1. V. *The like for South Carleton.* 1631, *April* 28.
1. VI. *The like for Torksey.* 1631, *May* 4.
1. VII. *The like for Thorpe, and other places.* [*Here are returns for Sir John Bolles and William Amcotts.*]
1. VIII. *The like for Brattleby.*
1. IX. *The like for Saxelby.*
1. X. *Another return for South Carleton.*
1. XI. *Return for Burton. Sir John Monson had in the whole* 106 *quarters,* 80 *being of barley. There were* 50 *persons in his family.*
1. XII. *The like for Scothern.*
1. XIII. *The like for Nettleham.*
1. XIV. *The like for Sudbrooke cum Holme. "Davie Foules, "clerk, had six quarters, and five in family."*

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1. XV. *The like for Dunholme.*

1. XVI. *The like for Fristhorpe.*

1. XVII. *The like for Reepham.*

1. XVIII. *The like for Cherry Willingham.*

1. XIX. *The like for Welton.*

1. XX. *The like for Greetwell. Mr. Dalyson, family,* 17*; corn,* 15 *quarters.*

1. XXI. *The like for Fiskerton.* 1631, *April* 28.

1. XXII. *The like for Faldingworth.*

June 1. 2. Justices of Peace for co. Herts to the Council. Return of measures for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey. Repair of the highways will be to little purpose unless his Majesty enjoin wagoners between Royston and London to go with carts with two wheels, and not above five horses in one cart, and that malt be brought on horseback from Royston to Ware between Michaelmas and May, for that this part of the country is clay.

June 1. 3. The same Justices of Peace to the same. Return for the same hundreds as to the price of corn, and measures taken to abate the same.

June 1. Church House, St. Clement Danes. 4. Justices of Peace for Middlesex to the same. Certificate of sums received and those still owing for levies upon publicans for defective measures in St. Clement Danes and the Duchy liberty. [*This certificate seems to have been personally presented to the Council. It would have been presented before, but Dr. Robert Bates had been obliged to retire with his family to Twickenham, the plague being next door to him in Milford Lane. When ultimately presented, Lawrence Whitaker excused his absence, having been commanded by his Majesty to take charge of Lord Reay.*]

June 1. Derby. 5. Bailiffs of Derby to Francis Bradshaw, Sheriff of the county. Measures taken by them for relief of the poor.

June 2. Whitehall. 6. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington. Balthazar Gerbier, his Majesty's agent to the Archduchess, is presently to repair to Dunkirk. Pennington is to be ready with the Bonaventure in the Downs by the 7th inst., to transport him and bring back Signor Juan de Nicolaldo, agent from the King of Spain.

June 2. St. Mary's in Scilly. 7. Examinations of John Kirkby, John Stevenson, John Roach, and William Berran, being part of the crew, and Richard Bramfield, or Bromvill, the master of the St. Mary and Francis, of St. Sebastian, a pirate vessel, cast ashore in Scilly; taken before Sir Francis Godolphin and Roger Polkinghorne.

June 2. Haroldstone. 8. Sir James Perrott to Nicholas. Explains the state of his account as Deputy Vice-Admiral, the payment of which had been

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delayed by the death of William Earl of Pembroke. Begs him to speak to Sir John Thoroughgood, Mr. Taverner, and Mr. Oldisworth about it. Hears that Sir Thomas Canon has been very busy and inquisitive. Wishes to know what exceptions are taken to the writer's doings.

June 2. London. 9. Sir Thomas Roe to William Strode, Public Orator of the University of Oxford. Apologizes for not answering his letter (*see Vol.* clxxxvi., *No.* 51.) in Greek or Latin. His end [*in soliciting the acknowledgments of the University*] was to shew a kind of gratitude to Mr. Cirembergh, and to draw more treasure to the ocean of knowledge, by collecting such books as were inextinguishable lights of old truth, or might be ornaments to their famous library. [*Copy.*]

June 2. London. The same to Mr. Rous, Library Keeper of the University of Oxford. Apologizes for opening a letter addressed to him by Mr. Cirembergh. Wished such a testimony from the University, to provoke a generous emulation in a nation who affect the fame which is sounded by a trumpet. Wishes some panegyric in Greek had been sent to Cyril, the Patriarch of Constantinople, who has an infinite treasure which perisheth in the dust. Rous has no doubt seen his symbol of the faith, which the common enemy has slandered and no man vindicated. [*Copy, written on the same sheet of paper as the preceding.*]

June 2. London. 10. Colin Earl of Seaforth to Sec. Coke. Being unable to go to Court, by reason of indisposition, before the charter for the fishery will be dispatched to Scotland, intreats Coke to advertise him what place is resolved on for settling this plantation, and hopes he will be careful that none of the Earl's rights are damnified.

June 2. 11. Symon Keble [?] to Philip Jacobson, near the Sun Tavern, in New Fish Street. The country have combined for pulling down all the mounds lately erected in [Braydon] Forest. They have likewise chopped in sunder all the rails and cut up the hedges, so that all things are now in common. They threaten to pull down the great lodge, and kill the writer, and will not suffer any of his labourers to come to him, so that he cannot get any man to depose before the Justices, or come to London to make affidavit. Wishes that Crosse may have power to break open houses, and that the Deputy Lieutenants, Sir Edward Baynton and Sir Neville Pole, may have warrant to call out the trained bands. The writer procured the Sheriff to come over. At his appearing they all fled away, but 12 were taken and carried to the gaol. Since he has gone they are gathered together to pull down what is left, and how to save the lodge or the writer's family he cannot imagine.

June 2. Ross. 12. Justices of Peace for co. Hereford to the Sheriff of that county. Certify measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Wormelow and Greytree.

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June 2. 13. Justices of Peace for co. Huntingdon to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred Normancross.

June 3. 14. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. On occasion of the dangerous sickness of Richard Middleton, master gunner in Bay sconce, recommend Captain John Tench as a fit man to serve in that place.

June 3. The Downs. 15. Capt. John Pennington to the same. Has sent out Capt. Stradling in the Whelp to take away all the trawls he shall find, and to bring in French fishermen who are not duly licensed. The Whelp is the only ship he has fit for this service. If they wish it well performed they should send him the Ketch. Waits the coming of Mr. Gerbier.

June 3. The same. 16. The same to Nicholas. Repeats the information in the above. Error in his instructions. For "Beachy Head in Essex," he presumes it should be from Beachy in Sussex to Harwich in Essex. Repeats his questions respecting the French preparations and the Marquis's departure.

June 3. Clifford. 17. Sir Henry Rainsford to Sir Francis Nethersole. General miscarriage of letters to the Hague. Paid Capt. Jukes 10*l.*; a suit in Chancery pending about Polesworth. The writer's cousin Cocke lately dead. Presents service to his cousin Corbet Bushell.

June 3. 18. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to Francis Mapes, Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor in the division of South Erpingham and Aynsforth.

June 3. 19. Justices of Peace for Suffolk to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundred of Sampford.

June 3. 20. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundred of Goodlaxton.

June 3. 21. Information of Katharine Rondle, of East Greenwich, against two Frenchmen, who coming to her master's house, where he and also the Chevalier de Jarre were staying, obtruded themselves into the chamber of the Chevalier, and after staying a short time suddenly departed, one of them having something under his cloak.

June 4. Greenwich. 22. The King to Attorney General Heath. Sir Humphrey May, late Vice-Chamberlain, Sir William Uvedale, now Treasurer of the Chamber, and Sir William Morley, held the office of Clerk of the Council of the Star Chamber for their lives. Sir Humphrey being dead, on surrender of the two survivors, the Attorney General is to prepare a new grant to Sir William Uvedale, Sir William Morley, and John Pooley.

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[June 4 ?] London. 23. Jane Levingston to Sec. Dorchester. Thanks for his coming to see her. Begs his Majesty's compassion and protection of her fatherless child. Her brother is willing to assist but not so able to speak a word in due season. Entreats Dorchester's assistance.

June 4. 24. William Dixon to William Weld, at Lord Conway's, in Drury Lane. A sore mischance befallen the writer's father. Begs Weld once more to sound Mr. Gall's intentions. That kind of employment is the worst without exception, because the profit is gotten by prisoners that are miserably poor beggars, whom the clerk out of a compassioned pity is willing to forgive. If Gall come over thither he shall find the profit fall far short of an abounding expectation, that the writer thinks he will sell "them" for less than Weld offered.

June 4. Plympton. 25. Justices of Peace for co. Devon to Henry Ashford, the Sheriff. Certify the price of corn in the hundreds of Ermington, Plympton, Roborough, Tavistock, and Liston. Wheat, 11*s.*, barley, 7*s.*, rye, 9*s.*, oats, 3*s.* 6*d.* per bushel.

June 4. Talgarth. 26. Justices of Peace for co. Brecon to Thomas Gwyn, the Sheriff. Certify their proceedings for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Talgarth, Crickhowell, and Penkelley.

June 4. Walcot. 27. Humphrey Walcot, Sheriff of Salop, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Judges of Assize. Sends certificates of Justices of Peace, and invites them to his house on their way from Hereford to Shrewsbury. *Inclosed,*

27. I. *Justices of Peace of co. Salop to the Sheriff. Certificate of presentments made to them for five of the allotments of the north part of the hundred of Bradford.* 1631, *May* 13.

27. II. *Other Justices of the same county to the same. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Clun and Purslow.* 1631, *May* 17.

June 5. Warrant to Peter Lennarth and others, to whom his Majesty heretofore granted the Forest of Galtres, co. York, giving them power to convey such parts as have been allotted for satisfaction of commoners, according to his Majesty's contract in the Court of Exchequer. [*Docquet.*]

June 5. 28. Edward Earl of Dorset, to some one whom he addresses as his "very good Lord." Beseeches him to believe that the writer studies to make good his professions of service in the draining of the fens. Has possessed his Majesty with the readiness he found in the person addressed to contribute his endeavours, and part with anything of his to accommodate the work or concur in his pleasure, and hopes he will shortly have occasion not to repent his forwardness. A definite answer depends on the resolution of Sir Anthony Thomas and some other undertakers, who are not yet returned.

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June 5. 29. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Francis Bradshaw, Sheriff. State what measures they had adopted for relief of the poor within the hundred of High Peak.

June 6. Portsmouth. 30. William Crampton to Nicholas. Moorecock having petitioned for the writer's place of cook of the Triumph, he apprizes Nicholas that the place is not vacant, the writer having had leave of absence granted him by the Clerk of the Check and the Master of Attendance.

June 6. 31. Certificate of the Proctors of the Court of Admiralty, that during their times of practice, the fees mentioned in two schedules to the original annexed have been paid to the Registrar and Marshal. [*Copy, signed by six persons.*] *Underwritten,*

31. I. *Note of fees commonly received by the Registrar of the Admiralty and his clerks, there being no table.* [*Copy.*]

31. II. *Similar note of fees due to the Marshal.* [*Copy.*]

June 6. 32. Lord Treasurer Weston to Capt. John Mason, Treasurer and Paymaster of his Majesty's late army. The officers and soldiers of Landguard Fort, in a petition of late exhibited, have complained of the want of their pay; he is to take a journey to the said fort, muster the officers and soldiers, take account of their demands, and, according to necessity, advance money by way of imprest.

June 6. Stathern. 33. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to John Bainbrigg, Sheriff. Report their measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Framland.

June 6. 34. Justices of Peace for co. Northampton to Francis Nicolls, Sheriff. Certificate of similar measures taken in the hundreds of Spelloe, Wymersley, Newbottle Grove, Guilsborough, Norton, Cleley, and Towcester.

June 6. 35. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundreds of Wells Forum, Whitstone, and the Twelve hides of Glaston.

June 6. 36. Statement of the dimensions of the Public Library in Oxford, distinguishing how much had been added by Sir Thomas Bodley.

June 6. 37. Similar statement in reference to St. John's College Library, Cambridge.

June 7. The Bonaventure. 38. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Philip Henregoe has informed the writer that the agent of the King of Spain, whom he was to bring from Dunkirk, cannot be ready these fourteen days. Wishes to know if he should wait for him, or proceed to the westwards, and let him rest till his return. The First Whelp has returned without finding any fishing with

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trawls, or any French fishing. Has sent the Whelp into Dover to repair her mainmast, and is now going into Dover Road to wait for Mr. Gerbier.

June 7. The Downs. 39. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Repeats some part of the information in the preceding, and solicits instructions and supplies by his return from Dunkirk.

June 7. 40. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to Francis Mapes, Sheriff. Report measures taken for relief of the poor in the hundreds of South Erpingham and Eynsford.

June 8. Little Horsley. 41. William Lynn to the Council. The King and that board having imposed a charge upon Justices of the Peace to have a regard that all principal roads be amended, he certifies that there is a deep and dangerous lane in Great Horsley, almost not passable in winter, and in the same parish an ancient gravel pit where the surveyors have ever obtained gravel, till of late a young heir, William Ball, has "taken a tetch," and denied them. Being without local redress, he submits the circumstance to the Council.

June 8. Worcester. 42. Justices of Peace for co. Worcester to the same. Report the state of the supply of corn remaining in that county, and a fall of the price of corn in their markets.

June 8. 43. Officers of the Navy to the Committee of the Council of War. Report upon a petition of Capt. Heigham referred to them. Capt. Heigham being provost marshal in the expedition to Rhé, at his coming from thence laded on his own account aboard the Joan and the Return, of London, 21 tons of wine, which was afterwards by Sir John Watts, on order from the Lord Admiral, converted into beverage, but it was never used. Capt. Heigham should seek his remedy from Capts. Thomas and Buxton, the commanders of the two ships.

June 8. The Bonaventure in Dover Road. 44. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Dorchester. Ships from France all conclude of great sea preparations in all the ports of France. The King of France looked for at Dieppe, where the Dragons are fitting up. There are at present plying in the channel 34 sail of Flemish men-of-war, which come not into our ports and roads as they used to do. Is in Dover Road waiting the arrival of Mr. Gerbier. As soon as he has landed him at Dunkirk, purposes to go to the westward to see what the French are doing.

June 8. 45. Answer to reasons alleged for passing the lands intended for discharge of his Majesty's debt of 20,000*l.* in the Office of the Ordnance, to strangers, and not to the four principal creditors.

June 8. 46. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to Francis Mapes, Sheriff. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Loddon and Clavering.

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June 9. 47. Petition of Michael Cole to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having erected a lime kiln near to Rochester for the benefit of the land "in the wild of Kent," some of the officers of the Navy take exception, supposing it will be offensive to the King's ships that lie at road in the river there. Prays that a trial may be made of his kiln, being ready to submit to what their Lordships shall direct.

June 9. 48. Officers of the Navy to the same. Report on the account of the Provant Clothes sent with the fleet to Rochelle. John Wriothesley was charged with 1,376*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* in clothes. He has discharged himself of 1,333*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* There remains in his hands 42*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, which he desires may be allowed for his pains in performance of the service, which the writers think reasonable. 186*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* remains due to the merchants that delivered out the clothes, which they conceive his Majesty should allow them.

June 9. 49. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Answer to Capt. Pennington's letter; complaint against Sir Timothy Tyrrell, petition of Moundeford, and the other cases which appeared in the paper on 21st May. In the margin are notes of several decisions.

June 9. 50. Minutes of various businesses transacted by the Committee of the Council of War this day, principally answers to petitions, with a list of the several petitioners.

[June 9?] 51. Henry Earl of Holland to Sec. Dorchester. The Queen has written to the Cardinal and the Garde des Sceaux, but would not have her letters go before those of the Sec. Desires therefore that he will deliver his packet to the bearer. She has acquainted these ministers that our Ambassador in France will give an account of the business at the Chevalier's. He will have occasion to make a dispatch to Sir Isaac Wake on the morrow, for Wat Montagu's servant has returned with news of all the satisfaction we can desire.

June 9. Bircham. 52. John Hassall, Dean of Norwich, to the same. Thanks for recommendations to the Bishop of London and the King. His modesty will be careful never to overpress. Friends can but do their best, and when they have done all there will be *nihil sine numine*. Thanks for the coat of arms with which Dorchester had honoured their church. [*This letter was not forwarded until the 18th inst. See letter of the same writer of that date.*]

June 9. 53. Justices of Peace for co. Hereford to Wallop Brabazon, the Sheriff. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Ewias Lacy, Webtree, Grymsworth, and Huntington, co. Hereford.

June 9. 54. Minutes of proceedings of the Council of War. Order on Francis Longstone's petition (*see Vol.* cxcii., *No.* 46.) that Mr. Calandrini make payment of the 60*l.* Petitions of Nott, mercer, and Mary wife of Ensign Slade, referred to Capt. Mason.

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June 10. 55. Justices of Peace of co. Middlesex to the Council. Report on several recent inclosures in the East Field and West Field of Chelsea, submitted to the Council as offences against the statute of 35 Elizabeth, forbidding inclosures within three miles of London, or as ill examples inducing oppression of the King's subjects.

June 10. 56. Petition of William Miles, Water Bailiff of Sir Thomas Walsingham, Vice-Admiral of Kent, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner, in July last, arrested in his Majesty's name, a cock boat, belonging to William Manser, for catching oysters in Burlett, at a prohibited time. Within two days Lawrence Pawley, the Sheriff's bailiff, came to Rainham and carried away the boat, and petitioner has since been prosecuted at common law, and a writ of inquiry of damages is awarded against him. Prays relief. *Annexed,*

56. I. *Examination of the petitioner, setting forth all the circumstances of the arrest of Manser's boat,* 1631, *February* 14. [*Copy.*]

56. II. *Note of request of Sir Thomas Walsingham for warrant against Pawley. Underwritten,*

56. III. *Reference to Sir Henry Marten to certify. Whitehall,* 1631, *June* 10. *Annexed,*

56. IV. *Report of Sir Henry Marten. Thinks it a foul indignity to the jurisdiction of the Admiralty. Advises that Pawley and Manser be sent for.* 1631, *July* 5.

June 10. 57. Copy of the above petition, with the underwritten reference and report of Sir Henry Marten.

June 10. Newark-upon-Trent. 58. Dr. John Moseley to Sec. Dorchester. Hard measure which has been offered him on account of his propositions formerly made touching public peace. Solicits some preferment out of the good things now in his Majesty's gift in or near London.

June 10. Whitehall. 59. Minutes by Sec. Coke of proceedings of the Commissioners for the Ordnance. Capt. Mason to be sent down to view the forts at Tilbury and Gravesend, and muster the companies. Reference to consider the state of the Tower Wharf.

June 10. Woodland. 60. Justices of Peace for Dorset to Sir John Meller, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor for the division of Shaston.

June 10. Coates. 61. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to John Benbrook [Bainbrigg], the Sheriff. Similar return for the hundred of East Goscote.

June 10. 62. Bailiff and another of Bishop's Castle to the Sheriff of Salop. Similar certificate for Bishop's Castle.

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June 10. Drayton. 63. Justices of Peace for Salop to the Sheriff. Presentments of the constables of the north part of the hundred of Bradford concerning the punishment of vagrants and relief of the poor, certified by the Justices of Peace.

June 10. London. 64. Sir Anthony Mansell, Sheriff of co. Glamorgan, to Sir Walter Pye, Chief Justice of cos. Glamorgan, Brecon, and Radnor, and Attorney of the Court of Wards. States the contents of certificates made to him by the Justices of Peace of co. Glamorgan respecting measures taken for relief of the poor.

June 10. Stafford. 65. William Wollaston, Sheriff of co. Stafford, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Justices of Assize for that county. Sends letter from Justices of Peace. *Inclosed,*

65. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Stafford to the Sheriff. Report what measures they had taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Pirehill. Stafford,* 1631, *June* 7.

June 10. 66. Paper, entitled "Examination of Henry Hoskins, of Gillingham, co. Dorset, taken by William Whitaker, Justice of Peace for that county," but in reality it is a paper of notes by Whitaker on the doings of Hoskins as leader in inclosure riots at Gillingham, and of his going from Gillingham to Braydon, co. Wilts, where "Lady Skimmington, as they call her, with a great number of rebels, were pulling down inclosures." John Phillips, a tanner, of Gillingham, a man of good estate, was Hoskins's principal agent.

June 10. 67. Certificates concerning spoil made in the King's woods in Binfield, co. Berks, and presentment of the tenants as to the misconduct of Street, an under-woodward.

June 11. Greenwich. 68. The King to Attorney General Heath. For the expenses of the King's journey into Spain, and his stay and return, Sir Francis Cottington took up 50,027*l.*, which was disbursed according to the King's direction. The Attorney General is to prepare a full discharge for the same to Sir Francis, and also to Alexander Stafford, who was employed in receiving and paying the said moneys.

June 11. Exeter Palace. 69. Bishop Hall, of Exeter, to Bishop Laud. Wrote last week to give information about a busy, ignorant schismatic, lurking in London. Now hears that there are eleven several congregations of separatists about the city, furnished with their idly-pretended pastors, who meet together in brewhouses every Sunday. Knows his vigilance over that populous world of men. The King, at the suit of the Earl of Carlisle, has granted his letters in behalf of Mr. Robert Peterson, for the next place of residence which shall fall void there. Reluctance of some of the canons, and their intention to apply to Bishop Laud on the subject. Strongest attestation of Peterson's merits, and weakness of the only objection raised against him, that he is the Dean's brother.

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June 11. Framland. 70. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to John Bainbrigg, the Sheriff. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor in the hundred of Framland.

June 12. Greenwich. 71. The King to Attorney General Heath. To prepare grant of baronetcy to Charles Vavasour, of Skellingthorpe, co. Lincoln, with discharge of the money payable into the Exchequer in respect of that dignity.

June 12. 72. Petition of Lieven Martensse, master of a fish-boat of Zirick Zee, Zealand, to the King. On 14th April last, being chased by a Dunkirker, he ran his boat ashore two miles east of Cromer, and went for assistance of the King's subjects, whereupon the Dunkirker pillaged his boat of goods of the value of 101*l.* 16*s.* Prays redress. *Annexed,*

72. I. *Affidavit of the petitioner and his crew of the truth of the circumstances stated in the petition.* 1631, *May* 29. [*Certified translation.*]

72. II. *Another affidavit of the petitioner as to the value of the goods taken from him.* 1631, *May* 29. [*Certified translation.*]

June 12. 73. Testimony or Certificate given by Sir Thomas Roe, that John Dury was employed to effect a reconciliation between the Lutheran and other Reformed Churches, and that all persons well affected to that work might safely subscribe a declaration, to be left in his hands, that he had faithfully solicited this good cause, and that they would be willing to join with those of the like affection beyond seas. [*Copy.*]

June 12. Barningham. 74. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to Francis Mapes, the Sheriff. Report what measures they had taken for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Holt and North Erpingham.

June 12. 75. Mayor and another of Wells, co. Somerset, to Sir Francis Dodington, the Sheriff. Certificate of similar measures taken in Wells.

June 13. 76. Sir Henry Spiller, Lawrence Whitaker, and Inigo Jones, Justices of Peace for Middlesex, to the Council. The building of Mr. Scipio Squire, newly erected in Long Acre, he states to be built for himself to dwell in. It is built of brick, and contains 24 feet by 32, there being a piece of ground inclosed with a brick wall and planted with fruit trees containing an acre adjoining, whereby the same is made a fit habitation for a person of quality. Squire denies that it is built on a new foundation.

June 13. 77. Sir John Heydon to William Boswell, Clerk of the Council. The indenture and bond have been ingrossed, signed, and sealed by the eight Armourers. If he may understand where Boswell may be found that afternoon, he shall have the originals.

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June 13. 78. Opinion of Sir William Jones, Justice of the King's Bench, that upon a *quare impedit* not brought by the King, the ordinary may certify that the Church is full, although there were no induction. [*Copy.*]

June 13. 79. Justices of Peace for co. Nottingham [to the Council]. Report what measures have been taken for relief of the poor throughout the county.

June 14. 80. Petition of William Petty to the King. Served the Provost and Fellows of Queen's College, Oxford, for 42 years, and on the persuasion of Dr. Airay, sometime Provost, surrendered two leases on the promise of a lease of the manor of Hecley, which promise was not performed. Prays compensation, he being aged 84 years.

June 14. 81. Answer of the Provost and Fellows of Queen's College, Oxford, to the above petition. The leases alluded to were not surrendered, but enjoyed by Petty for the full term he had therein. They promised him the farm of Hecley upon a reasonable fine. They asked 100*l.*, he offered 40*l.*; whereupon they let the same to an ancient Fellow of the house, who gave them 260*l.* Petty thereupon sued them in Chancery, but abandoned his cause before the hearing, and they having examined his actions found he had abused them for many years, and therefore discharged him.

June 14. 82. Inigo Jones to [the Commissioners for repair of St. Paul's?]. Report on the repairs of St. Gregory's church, near St. Paul's. Conceives it no way hurtful to the foundation or walls of St. Paul's, nor will it take away the beauty of the aspect, when it shall be repaired. It abuts on the Lollards' tower, which is answered on the other side by another tower, unto which the Bishop's Hall adjoins. Conceives that neither of them is any hindrance to the beauty of the church.

June 14. 83. Matthew Goad, Deputy Clerk of the Star Chamber, to the Judges of the same Court. Certificate that in the cause of John Morley and others against Thos. Hilliard and others, it is confessed in the answers of the defendants that some of them dug for saltpetre under the beds of persons who were sick therein; that compositions were taken for discharge of carts commanded to carry saltpetre; that Hilliard hired horses to draw his wife's coach up and down the country at the King's price, and caused the country to carry coals for the work of saltpetre, and sold the same again to his own advantage. Thinks it fit that the defendants be bound with sureties to appear at the hearing of the cause.

June 14. The Antelope. 84. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Arrived in the Downs the 11th. The whole fleet is doing just nothing. Rumours of French preparations will vanish in smoke. Four good ships are guarding their merchants, at whose flags he longs to have a fling. The Dutch are expecting the landing of some Spanish troops out of Biscay. Downes and Nutt are about the Start. If he could get leave, he would gladly try to show them the right way to Wapping. The people supply them with victuals at excessive rates. Listens

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daily for an answer to his petition. A servant of Lord Craven's has come from Calais to get a ship to waft his Lord for Holland. France is much troubled with our great preparations.

June 14. 85. William Boswell to Attorney General Heath. The Lords Commissioners wish him to add a clause in the Commission to the Armourers, and in the proclamation, that no person shall sell any armours at all, except they first buy them of the Commissioners and Company of Armourers of London. [*Draft.*]

June 14. Hay Castle. 86. Thomas Gwyn, Sheriff of co. Brecon, to Sir Walter Pye, one of the Justices of Great Sessions for Brecon, Radnor, and Glamorgan. Sends list of Justices of Peace for co. Brecon, with their several divisions.

June 14. 87. Bailiffs and others of Great Yarmouth to Francis Mapes, Sheriff of Norfolk. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor.

June 14. 88. Justices of Peace of Norfolk to the same. Similar certificate for the hundreds of Shropham and Guiltcross.

June 14. Market Bosworth. 89. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundred of Sparkenhoe.

June 14. 90. Other Justices of Peace for the same county to the same. Similar certificate for the hundred of West Goscote.

June 14. 91. E[leazar ?] Duncum to Mr. Quarles, at Winchester House. Account of the discussions at the Commencement Act at Cambridge. Objection to Ganning, of Corpus Christi, for railing against School Divinity, whereas King James and King Charles commanded young students in Divinity to begin with Lombard and Thomas. The case of Stevenson, of Sidney, who treated of the questions between the Arminians and Calvinists in breach of his Majesty's declaration. The offenders submitted, and were pardoned.

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June 15. Proclamation for preventing deceipt used in the importation of madder. It is notified that George Bedford has been appointed the King's officer for inspecting and marking all madder on its importation; and all persons are forbidden to buy, sell, keep, or carry any madder not sealed with Bedford's seal. [*Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 143.]

June 15. 1. List of the King's ships, with their stations and ranks. Total of ships and vessels, 40.

June 15. 2. Copy of the same.

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June 15. 3. Another list, said to contain all the King's ships and vessels, both in harbour and at sea.

June 15. 4. Copy of the same.

June 15. Office of Ordnance. 5. List of the ordnance of the several ships at Chatham.

June 15. 6. List of trawl nets taken from six fishing boats of Rye.

June 15. Conveyance from John Lord Boteler, of Woodhall, co. Hertford, to William Ashburnham, of London, and Ralph Boteler, of Queenhoe Hall, co. Hertford, of lands in Bramfield, in the same co., in mortgage for 432*l.* Acquittance indorsed for the same, as paid on 27th November 1637 by Lord Dunsmore and Mr. Porter. [*Case B., Car. I., No.* 4.]

June 15. Branford. 7. Sir Thomas Southwell to Edward Earl of Dorset. Is a suitor to the Council for a ship and goods he took as Vice-Admiral in the King's right. Notwithstanding he has delivered them up, he has been questioned by Lady Sydney. Has paid near 200*l.*, and is still questioned. Sir Henry Hungate promised him to solicit the Earl therein. Entreats that he may have some redress.

June 15. 8. Certificate of Ed. Stephens that John Franklin and six others, all of London, armourers, had each of them given caution of 500 marks for performing the agreement specified in an indenture, dated the 13th inst., between the King and the Armourers. [*Underwritten is a clause, which they desire to have inserted in their patent, prohibiting any one from selling any armour not bought of them.*]

June 15. 9. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Northampton, as to measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Corby, Rothwell, Huxloe, Higham Ferrers, Orlingbury, Hamfordshoe, Willibrooke, Tolebrook, and Navelford.

June 16. 10. Sir Robert Ducie, Lord Mayor of London, to the Council. The officers of the City shall be stirred up to execute the Royal proclamation as to the Thames. The sickness has been wholly withdrawn owing to the watchfulness of the officers. People are not forward to offend in the dressing and eating flesh on days prohibited. Having been required to give account what corn is yearly spent within the City, and to provide a stock to prevent future scarcity, they find that of bread corn there is spent weekly in the City and liberties above 1,550 quarters; and in Westminster, Ratcliff, Limehouse, and Wapping, with the adjacent parts, another 1,000 quarters weekly. The whole proportion is reckoned between 130,000 and 140,000 quarters, which is a greater proportion than the granaries will hold, besides that our corn is of a moister quality than that of other countries and will not keep so long sweet.

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June 16. Gloucester. 11. Mayor and others of Gloucester to the Council. Inclose certificate of measures taken by them for relief of the poor. *Inclosed,*

11. I. *Certificate above mentioned.*

June 16. Gloucester. 12. The same to the same. Report on a petition of John Hill, referred to them by the Council. State the circumstances under which Hill sold his title to a house to James Powell, and the consideration paid for the same. John Webb is seised of the same house under a purchase from King Henry VIII. Neither Powell nor Webb will pay anything more to Hill for a release of his pretended interest.

June 16. The Bonaventure, Dover Road. 13. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reports the return of the St. Claude with eight trawls taken from fishermen of Darking [Barking]. The poor men never heard of any proclamation nor had any warning to forbear fishing. The fishermen of Sandwich fish with more unlawful nets, as kettle nets and shove nets, which take all the small fry. Gerbier came to Dover last night, but desires not to come aboard till the wind be fair, in respect of his wife and many children. A great fleet at Cadiz for Brazil and the West Indies. Capt. Nutt lies off and on the Land's End, and doth some spoil. *Inclosed,*

13. I. *List of boats of Barking, from which trawl nets were taken, with names of masters and owners.*

June 16. The Bonaventure, Dover Road. 14. The same to Nicholas, at his house in King Street, or at Rochester by the way. Is heartily glad of his so far recovery. Wishes to know what was done at Chatham, and if there be any more speech of a Lord Admiral, likewise whether the King goes to Portsmouth, and if the Marquis's soldiers come in apace, and why the writer is restrained from going to the westward of the Isle of Wight.

June 16. Holyhead. 15. Sir Thomas Button to the same. His purser, Morgan, with the strange dealing of Sir Sampson Darrell, would supplant Sir Thomas in the charge of victualling his ships, which he has had these 17 years. The arrangement is for the King's advantage, and was agreed on with Sir Allen Apsley. Chased a Biscayan pirate, but could do no good; this tide is going to Dublin to waft over the fleet from thence for Chester fair.

June 16. 16. Petition of William Browne and William Sutton to the Lords of the Admiralty. Pray them to direct what sum petitioner Browne shall pay Hals towards the charges of his imprisonment.

June 16. Walcot. 17. Humphrey Walcot, Sheriff of co. Salop, to Sir William Jones, one of the Judges of Assize for that county. Sends him nine certificates of Justices of Peace for that county. *Inclosed,*

17. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Salop to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Condover.* 1631, *May* 20.

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17. II. *Other Justices of Peace for Salop to the Sheriff. Inclose similar return. "At Cockshutt, the 3rd of June* 1631."

17. III. *Similar certificate for Shrewsbury. Salop,* 1631, *June* 14.

17. IV. *The like for the hundreds of Stotesdon and Brymstrey. Bridgenorth,* 1631, *June* 11.

17. V. *The like for the hundred of Monslow. Whichcot,* 1631, *June* 4.

17. VI. *The like for one half of the north part of the hundred of Bradford.* 1631, *June* 2.

17. VII. *The like for the south part of the same hundred.* 1631, *May* 31.

17. VIII. *The like for the hundred of Ford. Salop, June* 8.

17. IX. *The like for the hundred of Cherbury. Salop,* 1631, *June* 7.

June 16. 18. James Phillips, Sheriff of co. Radnor, to Justices of Assize for that county, addressed, on the outside, to Sir Walter Pye, at his chamber in the Temple. Sends certificates from Justices of Peace of measures taken for relief of the poor. *Inclosed,*

18. I. *Certificate for the hundreds of Paynecastle and Colwyn. Paynecastle,* 1631, *May* 26.

18. II. *Similar certificate for the hundred of Radnor, the lower part of the hundreds of Knighton and Kevenllice.* 1631, *June* 8.

18. III. *Similar certificate for the borough of New Radnor,* 1631, *June* 11.

June 16. 19. Recorder of Wells, co. Somerset, to the Sheriff of that county. The poor of that city, in number 400; 22 common inns and a multitude of alehouses; measures taken for the relief of the poor.

June 16. Tickenham. 20. Justices of Peace of the same county to Sir Francis Dodington, the Sheriff. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Portbury and Hartcliff cum Bedminster.

June 16. 21. Bond of Henry Lee and James Traves, citizens of London, to Robert Cambell, Sheriff, in 500*l*., conditioned for payment of 311*l*. 5*s*. on 17 December next, at the dwelling house of Cambell in Mark Lane.

June 16. 22. The like of Daniel Winch and Walter Bateman, citizens of London, in 300*l*., conditioned for payment of 208*l*. on 18 December next.

June 17. Discharge to John Fleming and all other the feoffees of Sir William Norris, deceased, of a fine of 1,000*l*. set upon Sir William in the Court of Star Chamber, in consideration of 250*l*. to be paid by John Fleming. [*Docquet.*]

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June 17. Discharge to William Blundell of a fine of 2,000*l.* set upon him by the Court of Star Chamber, in consideration of 250*l.* to be paid by him. [*Docquet.*]

June 17. Grant of a pension of 12*l.* out of the alum works to James Weymys for teaching the children of labourers in the said alum works in co. York, agreeable to a former grant to Robert Weymys, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

June 17. Protection for John Fowler for one year, in regard the said Fowler was jointly bound with the Earl of Carlisle, his master, about 18 years since, in 2,000*l.* to John Harris, deceased, which bond was satisfied by the Earl, and through negligence of his solicitor not cancelled. [*Docquet.*]

June 17. Warrant for preservation of his Majesty's game to John Philipot, Steward of the manor of Gillingham and Grain, in Kent, and to Thomas Tresse and Thomas Hayward. [*Docquet.*]

June 17. Grant of an almsroom in the Cathedral of Bristol to Thomas Senyor. [*Docquet.*]

June 17. Grant and confirmation to Sir Benjamin Rudyerd and James Maxwell (at the nomination of Christian Countess Dowager of Devon) of all those messuages and disparked parks of Shothull and Posterne, in co. Derby, heretofore granted to Robert Booth and Thomas Coke in trust for Gilbert late Earl of Shrewsbury, the interest whereof is now come to the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, of whom the Countess hath purchased the same. [*Docquet.*]

June 17. Warrant for payment of 500*l.* to John Hawkins, for a tablet of gold set with 19 facet diamonds, and the picture of his Majesty and the Queen, which was bought of Hawkins and given by his Majesty to the Count of Scarnifici, Ambassador Extraordinary from the Duke of Savoy. [*Docquet.*]

June 17. Commission to the Lord Treasurer and others to work and make saltpetre and gunpowder, by themselves or their deputies, within England and Ireland, according to former commissions, with alterations thought fit for the better furtherance of this service. [*Docquet.*]

June 17. Grant of an enlargement, for removing of doubts, to the Governor and Company of Adventurers of the City of Westminster for the plantation of the islands of Providence and Henrietta, and the adjacent islands upon the coast of America between 6 and 24 degrees from the equinoctial line in north latitude, as they shall extend to the adjacent islands throughout the degrees of longitude before mentioned, so that those islands be not in the actual possession of any other Christian Prince, nor were formerly granted to any of his Majesty's subjects. [*Docquet.*]

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June 17. 23. Petition of Henry Edlin, of Addington, co. Surrey, to the Council. Petitioner became bound as surety for Humphrey Hayward, which has cost him 100*l.*, but he is prevented suing Hayward by the violent interference of Sir Francis Leigh, with whom, being a man of great wealth and power, petitioner is not able to contend. *Underwritten,*

23. 1. *Reference to the Judges of Assize for that county to give the petitioner relief according to justice and equity. Whitehall,* 1631, *June* 17.

June 17. 24. Attorney General Heath to Sir William Becher, or the Clerk of the Council attendant. Understands from Lord Gorges that the cabinet is brought up to London sealed up, wherein the late Earl of Castlehaven's writings are. Begs him to move the Board for an order that they may be sent to the writer's chamber, that he may draw the Inquisition for the King. Lord Castlehaven that now is should have liberty for his counsel to be present at the opening of the cabinet.

June 17. 25. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Francis Bradshaw, the Sheriff. Certify what measures they have taken for relief of the poor within the division of Morleston and Litchurch.

June 17. 26. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundreds of Winterstock, Brent, and Bempstone.

June 17. 27. Report of Sir Robert Rich in a cause between Phineas Pett and others, plaintiffs, and William Burrell and others, defendants. Finds, notwithstanding the denial of Parker, More, and Allen, that their names written in the book of the Company of Shipwrights of Redriff were their subscriptions, and of their proper hands writing. [*Copy.*]

June 18. Trinity House, Ratcliff. 28. Master and others of the Trinity House to the Council. Have considered the project of Charles Needham and others for cleansing the Thames, and have conferred with Needham, and find that he is not capable of what he projects, and that the provisions for performance of the work are things absurd and ridiculous.

June 18. Norwich. 29. Dr. John Hassall to Sec. Dorchester. Mr. Cooper, of Yarmouth, has certified the writer that the Earl of Dorset and the Sec. had been mediators to his Majesty on behalf of the writer for the Bishopric of Norwich. His gratitude for this transcendant favour.

June 18. Egiock. 30. John Savage to Edward Viscount Conway. The late Viscount gave the writer the keys for passage through his park at Ragley, between Egiock and Meene; applies for continuance of the same courtesy. Offers to take his outlying deer at a reasonable price.

June 18. 31. Petition of Gabriel Marsh, Marshal of the Admiralty, to the Commissioners touching the jurisdictions of his Majesty's Courts. Time out of mind, the power of arresting ships' goods and men's

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persons in the river Thames, from London Bridge to the sea, has belonged to the Court of Admiralty, until about two months since, William Gunthropp, one of the under water-bailiffs of London, under a warrant from the Lord Mayor, arrested George Curtis, in an action of debt on the river, beneath London Bridge, and being questioned for his contempt in the Admiralty, attempts to remove the cause to the Common Law. Petitioner prays that the point may be determined by the Commissioners.

June 19. Greenwich. 32. Form of letter from the King to the Lord Lieutenants of several counties. On motion made to the King on behalf of the King of Sweden, his Majesty had licensed the Marquis of Hamilton to levy 6,000 English voluntaries, to be employed under the Marquis for that King, in a war undertaken for re-establishing such Princes as have been wrongfully dispossessed of their ancient dignities. In consideration of the quality of the Marquis and the benefit the kingdom will find in disburdening itself of so many unnecessary men that want employment, the Lord Lieutenants are to employ their best endeavours for the accomplishment of his service. [*Copy.*]

June 19. Docquet of the same. [*Twenty-six of these letters were written.*]

June 19. Whitehall. 33. The King to Attorney General Heath. In the Star Chamber in Michaelmas Term last, Duncan Mantowe, Thomas Levingston, and William Anderson were fined 500*l.* apiece. Considering their weak abilities and contrition, the Attorney General is to prepare their pardon.

June 19. London. 34. Colin Earl of Seaforth to Sec. Coke. This day Sir William Alexander and John Hayes intend to take their leave of the King, and go to Scotland. It were good the agreements were finished before they go, and orders given for erecting the burgh of Stornoway. "Ye shall never have undertakers till ye know where to fish." Will use James Ross, page of the back stairs, when he cannot have conveniency to see the Sec.

June 20. Suckley. 35. John Racster to Sec. Dorchester. Professions of fidelity. Has been at the Lord Keeper's, to see what hope there was of procuring ecclesiastical preferment for the writer's second son Robert, but Mr. Dashfield, who carries the purse before the Lord Keeper, dashed all his hopes with a rude answer.

June 20. 36. William Lenthall to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Evans. Is sorry to hear of her misfortune, especially since he participates in the loss. Assures her that he means no harm to her, and thought she had had more confidence in him than to credit reports that tended to condemn him as indiscreet and dishonest. Begs her to continue in the house and use the grass for her cattle. Wishes her to see the letter written to his sister Starely.

June 20. Church hulme. 37. Justices of Peace for co. Chester to Thomas Stanley, the Sheriff. Report measures taken for the relief of the poor within the hundred of Northwich.

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June 20. 38. Calendar of the convicted prisoners in Newgate, certified to the Attorney General, part by Sir Heneage Finch, the Recorder, and part by Sir Robert Ducie, the Lord Mayor. They are 90 in number. [*Very much damaged by damp.*]

June 21. 39. [Sec. Dorchester] to Sir Francis Godolphin. Richard Brumfield, captain of a ship of Spain, having been stayed and put in his custody by Gilbert Tyall, of Colchester, for the use of Henry Leman, of London, fishmonger, from whom he had taken the Fortune, of Yarmouth, and her lading, worth 900*l.*, Sir Francis is to keep Brumfield and his ship and goods in safe custody until further order. [*In a P.S. he is charged in regard of matters of more moment than are mentioned above to keep him with special care.*] [*Copy*]

June 21. 40. Note of the facts respecting Capt. Richard Brumfield, on which the preceding letter was grounded.

June 21. Hereford. 41. Wallop Brabazon, Sheriff of co. Hereford, to the Justices of Assize for that county. Sends three certificates, all he has yet received. *Inclosed,*

41. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Hereford to the Sheriff. Certify the measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Woolphey, Stratford, and Wigmore.*

41. II. *Mayor and others of Hereford to the same. Similar certificate. Hereford,* 1631, *June* 19.

41. III. *Bailiff and others of Leominster to the same. Similar certificate. They had caused to be punished* 12 *wandering persons, men and women, who termed themselves "gypsons," and sent them towards the town of Berwick, where they said they last dwelt.*

June 21. West Felton. 42. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Humphrey Walcot, the Sheriff. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor in the hundred of Oswestry.

June 21. 43. Collection of the fees paid at the Petty Bag to the principal Secretaries and the Clerks of the Signet, between the 4th and the 14th of Elizabeth. Compiled out of the original bills in the custody of Thomas Howard.

June 22. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 44. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The 17th received Gerbier and his family aboard; the 18th put them ashore at the fort, two miles on this side Dunkirk, it being flat calm and tide of ebb, so that he could not possibly get up that night. Mr. Nicolaldo sent word that he had not yet got his dispatches, and when he should be ready would send word to the Downs. Don Carlos is by Antwerp with 18,000 foot and 4,000 horse. The Prince of Orange is entrenched between Bois le Duc and Breda. On the Archduchess's side they expect every day 9,000 Italians and 4,000 Spaniards. Early on the 22nd set sail, and in the afternoon came into the Downs, where he found the rest of his fleet.

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June 22. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 45. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. On his return from Dunkirk does not find any letters. Begs him to write how business goes, and the reason why he is restrained to lie between the Isle of Wight and the Downs.

June 22. The Downs. 46. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the same. Longs to hear how his petition succeeds. The Hollanders' army is grown weak by famine, as the Dunkirkers say. Mr. Gerbier is not well trusted by the Spaniards, who slight him much. Our ships taken since the peace by the Dunkirkers have been condemned as good prize.

June 22. Chatham. 47. Phineas Pett to the same. Sends answer to petition against him (*See Vol.* cxcii., *No.* 45). Begs him to present and read it to the Lords, and to mediate with them that the plaintiff may not have power to bring disgrace upon the writer. *Inclosed,*

47. 1. *Phineas Pett to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reply to the petition of Lewis Tayte. Became indebted to Tayte for ironwork of the Destiny, built by Pett, for Sir Walter Raleigh, whose failure in his voyage was a loss to Pett of* 700*l. Lost, also, above* 900*l. by building two small ships for the expedition to Algiers. Has paid off* 500*l. of these debts. Has entreated Tayte's forbearance, as being better able to forbear than others of his creditors, but will pay him yearly such sum as the Lords will order.*

June 22. Greenwich. 48. John Hawkins to the same. It is the King's pleasure that Lord Craven should have one of his ships now in the Narrow Seas for his transport from Calais into the Low Countries. Sec. Dorchester desires Nicholas to prepare a warrant for that purpose.

June 22. 49. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Dorset of measures taken for relief of the poor within the division of Dorchester.

June 23. London. 50. The King to Sir Edward Seymour, Sir James Bagg, Francis Trelawney, Nicholas Opie, ——— Bennett, Abraham Rowe, and Abraham Biggs. Commission out of the Court of Admiralty to appraise a ship and cargo, lately found derelict upon the high seas by Capt. Richard Donnell. Latin.

June 23. 51. Petition of Patrick Craford and Matthew Birkenhead to the King. Pray for a renewal of their Letters Patent for erection of an office for registering names of persons passing beyond seas from Bristol, Beaumaris, Chester, Liverpool, and Workington, with the further provisions certified as desirable by the Attorney General. *Underwritten,*

51. 1. *Reference to the Attorney General accordingly. Greenwich,* 1631, *June* 23.

June 23. 52. Petition of John Davies and Anne his wife, on behalf of themselves and their three children, to the same. Petitioner John Davies was convicted of manslaughter at the last Assizes for

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Worcester, and thereupon had his clergy "and did read." Prays pardon of the burning in the hand, with such benefit as accrued to the King by his forfeiture, the value whereof is but small. *Underwritten,*

52. I. *Reference to the Attorney General to inform himself of the truth of the petition, and to prepare pardon of burning in the hand, and certify the value of the forfeiture. Greenwich,* 1631, *June* 23.

June 23. 53. Petition of Martha Hitch to the King. Her husband Thomas Hitch, of Ipswich, being much pinched in these hard times with penury and famine, pawned a gelding of his uncle's, and was condemned for stealing the same. Prays his pardon. *Annexed,*

53. I. *Copy of the indictment on which Thomas Hitch was convicted of stealing a bay gelding, the property of Robert Tyler. Underwritten,*

53. II. *The King having a certificate of the Bailiffs and others of Ipswich, in behalf of the petitioner's husband, grants the pardon prayed, and directs the Attorney General to prepare the same. Greenwich,* 1631, *June* 23.

June 23. 54. Petition of the Mayor and others of Cambridge to the same. Pray for a renewal of their charter with certain specified additional privileges. *Underwritten,*

54. I. *Reference to the Attorney General to certify his opinion. Greenwich,* 1631, *June* 23.

54. II. *Report of the Attorney General approving of some of the suggested new privileges, but not of others.* 1631, *June* 29.

54. III. *Reference to the Lord Keeper, Lord Treasurer, and the Earl of Holland, Chancellor of the University. If they concur with the Attorney General, they are to give order for renewing the charter as desired. Greenwich,* 1631, *July* 1.

54. IV. *Lord Keeper Coventry, Lord Treasurer Weston, and Henry Earl of Holland, to the Attorney General. They approve his certificate, and request him to prepare the new charter.* 1631, *July* 3.

June 23. 55. Petition of Philadelphia Leigh to the same. The late Sir Henry Leigh, of Carlisle, petitioner's father, had a pension of 200*l.* conferred on him by the late King, for services done on the borders. This pension has been confirmed by his present Majesty. Sir Francis, on 22 May 1627, assigned to petitioner 100*l.* out of arrears of his pension then due, but she can receive no payment. Prays reference to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of Exchequer for her satisfaction. *Underwritten,*

55. I. *Reference to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to take order for petitioner's relief. Greenwich,* 1631, *June* 23.

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June 23. 56. Petition of Judith Newman, widow of Richard Newman, to the King. Petitioner's husband was 32 years Chief Clerk to the Commissioners of the Navy. The place being one of credit, he spent his means in countenancing thereof, and left petitioner and five children unprovided for. Prays some yearly relief. *Underwritten,*

56. I. *Certificate of the Treasurer and Officers of the Navy, recommending that the petitioner be allowed 2s. per day.*

56. II. *Reference to the Treasurer and others who signed the above certificate to take order for the petitioner's relief. Greenwich,* 1631, *June* 23.

June 23. 57. Petition of the Master and others of the Society of Scriveners of London to the same. The Society was incorporated by the late King on 28 January, in the 14th year of his reign, and enabled to hold lands of 200 marks per annum. Nicholas Reeve bequeathed them 109*l.* to purchase lands for the benefit of the poor brethren and sisters of the Society, and petitioners have long been desirous to have a common hall. They have treated with Charles Bostock for a tenement in St. Mary Staining for a hall, and for 6½ acres of land at Westham, in Essex, for relief of their poor; but Bostock's messuage being held of the King in socage in chief, and Reeve's gift being one *in pios usus,* they pray for a licence of mortmain. *Underwritten,*

57. I. *Reference to the Attorney General to ascertain the facts, and prepare a bill. Greenwich,* 1631, *June* 23.

June 23. 58. Considerations respecting the proper forms of warrants for receipts and payments in the Great Wardrobe, submitted to the Commissioners for inquiry into the same by Sir Bevis Thelwall, Clerk of the Great Wardrobe.

[June 23 ?] 59. Observations by Sec. Coke upon the preceding paper, and upon another connected with the same subject, entitled "Mr. Rip-"lingham's demands."

June 23. Wheatenhurst. 60. Sir William Guise and Nathaniel Stephens, Justices of Peace for co. Gloucester, to the Council. On intimation given that Skimmington's lieutenant and five of his company were come to Frampton-upon-Severn, to throw in inclosures there, they issued warrants against them, and four were apprehended. Their examinations are inclosed. Their intention was, if they had found they should have food and means, that to the number of 100 soldiers newly impressed at Bristol, they would have come down [*sic*] by water in a lighter, and thrown down those inclosures. The writers had committed three of them for want of sureties, but William Gough, "the contriver and stickler of the business," had escaped. *Inclosed,*

60. I. *Examination of William Gough. Lately dwelt in Frampton-upon-Severn. Hearing the drum strike up for soldiers to go to the King of Sweden, he received imprest money of Capt. Chamberlain. Drinking with some other soldiers,*

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and talking of what Skimmington had done in the Forest of Dean, and of the stirs in the Forest of Braydon, they agreed that if the country would allow victuals and other content to Skimmington and his company, they would come to Frampton and Slimbridge, and throw open the new inclosures. They came to Frampton to speak with John Cage thereon, but he being gone to London, they resolved to return to Bristol, never meaning to come thither again on that business. 1631, *June* 21.

60. II. *Examination of Francis Nicolls, one of Gough's companions, who undertook the business, being a soldier, and wanting money.* 1631, *June* 21.

60. III. *The same of John Joliffe, another of Gough's party. Thought by throwing in that inclosure he should have done an acceptable service to his country, and have been well paid for his pains.* 1631, *June* 21.

60. IV. *The same of John Marker, another of Gough's party. They came to Frampton to know the gentlemen's pleasure, and intending to do no more than they should direct them.* 1631, *June* 21.

60. V. *The same of William Maverley, constable of Frampton-upon-Severn. Describes the manner of the escape of Gough.* 1631, *June* 23.

June 23. 61. Sir Ralph Dutton, Sheriff of co. Gloucester, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Judges of Assize for that county. Sends the only certificate received since his last return. *Inclosed,*

61. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Gloucester to the Sheriff. The markets are well supplied, and prices have fallen.* 1631, *May* 24.

June 23. Haroldstone. 62. Sir James Perrott to Nicholas. Is sorry that his account made so long since for his Vice-Admiralty is not yet discharged. Incloses a copy of the account sent to the Lord Chamberlain, and on which he gave Perrott an acquittance. The money should be paid by Sir John Thoroughgood. Mr. Taverner is so just a man that he will not deny what the writer paid. Taverner dealt then in those businesses as Mr. Oldisworth does now. *Inclosed,*

62. I. *The copy of account above mentioned, with underwritten note by Sir James Perrott, of what took place between him and the Lord Chamberlain in relation thereto.* 1631, *June* 22.

June 23. 63. Sir Arthur Smythes, Sheriff of co. Worcester, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Justices of Assize for that county. Incloses certificates from Justices of Peace lately received. *Inclosed,*

63. I. *Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Pershore.* 1631, *June* 14.

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63. II. *The like for the hundred of the Halfshire.*

63. III. *Presentations of persons guilty of offences, the fines for which were applicable to the relief of the poor within the limits of Worcester.*

63. IV. *Certificate for the hundred of Doddingtree.*

June 23. Bromyard. 64. Justices of Peace for co. Hereford to Wallop Brabazon, the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundred of Broxash.

June 23. Haslingfield. 65. Justices of Peace for co. Cambridge to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundreds of Wetherley and Threploe.

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June 24. Warrant to pay to Horatio Gentileschi 200*l.* for pictures delivered to his Majesty's use, a former privy seal for payment of the same having been lost. [*Docquet.*]

June 24. Docquet of commission to John Franklin, William Crouch, and others, armourers, gunmakers, pikemakers, and bandalier makers of London, to survey and repair all arms. (*See* 1631, *June* 29, *No.* 22.)

June 24. Licence to James Lord Walden, Thomas Howard, his brother, and Adam Ruter, their tutor, to travel for three years, with two servants, and 100*l.* in money. [*Docquet.*]

June 24. Denization for Lucretia Frend, wife of John Frend, one of the concert of his Majesty's musicians, born in foreign parts. [*Docquet.*]

June 24. The Downs. 1. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to Nicholas. Repairs effected in his ship. Never did see so defective a ship set to sea. The beef which by Sir Sampson Darrell's order they took in at the Downs from Arundel is so confusedly cut as he knows not how to give the same to the company. Sir Sampson has sent down his brother to survey the same. He has been three days ashore with the pursers, but comes not aboard.

June 24. 2. Officers of the Navy to the same. The boat lost by the Dutchmen stood the King in 40*l.*, but being somewhat worn 30*l.* will be a reasonable satisfaction for the loss.

June 24. 3. Richard Wainwright and others to Sec. Dorchester. This day at Lady Shrewsbury's house at Piccadilly Hall, in the parish of St. Martin, there was a mass said by Capt. George Popham, priest. Richard Wainwright apprehended him with the assistance of Edward Corbett, constable of the parish; carrying him to the Attorney General at Somerset House, he made an escape, and was received by the friars.

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June 24. 4. Bond of Sir Giles Alington in 2,000*l.* that he and Dorothy Dalton shall forbear each others company, except in open church or open market, or in places of public assembly.

June 24. 5. Examination of Thomas Yerworth, of Coleford, in the Forest of Dean, co. Gloucester, by Attorney General Heath. About Lady-day last there was great spoil made in the Forest by a great company of rude people. Robert Turner, who was a servant of his, happened upon the rioters in his way through the forest, and they enforced him to work with them, by threats of striking him down with a club if he did not. Examinant dissuaded the rioters from their course, and told them that some of them would be hanged, whereupon he became odious amongst them, and they have given out that they would bring him in as deep as themselves. William Ambry was the man that made proclamation for the meeting; one Walding was a principal man, and Price and Stephen, a cobbler, were drummers.

June 25. Warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi 8,589*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*, for surplusage of his account of the importation and sale of tobacco, in the years 1627 and 1628. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. A like to pay to James Earl of Carlisle 680*l.*, in part of 28,000*l.* payable to him, to the end that Philip Burlamachi may receive satisfaction of the like sum, which the Earl assigned to him out of the composition moneys for defective titles. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. Licence for Edward Lennard, of Kent, brother to the late Lord Dacres, to travel for three years, with two servants, and 40*l.* in money. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. Warrant to the Master Surveyor and other officers of the Court of Wards, to cause payment to be made from Lady-day last, unto John Earl of Bristol, of an annuity of 2,000*l.*, granted by Letters Patent of King James, bearing date 4 April, in the 19th year of his reign. [*Docquet.*]

June 25. 6. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The cause of his stay between the Downs and the Isle of Wight is, that he may be in a readiness to waft the Marquis and his forces by the 10th of next month. He uses much diligence and judgment in his proceedings. The King was on the 15th and 16th at Rochester and Chatham, and himself and Sir Robert Mansell went aboard every ship and almost into every room in every ship. There was no office in any ship that his Majesty went not into himself, and into the holds of most of them. He afterwards beheld and counted the ordnance belonging to every vessel, which lay ashore marked and sorted for his Majesty's view. He then went to the dock at Chatham, and visited all the rooms and storehouses there, and saw the making and tarring of the cordage. The Lords Commissioners have got great honour by this survey. There is now not a thought of a Lord Admiral. The progress will be agreed on next week. The King resolves to go to Portsmouth, but the time is not yet appointed.

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June 25. 7. John Fettiplace, Sheriff of Berks, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Justices of Assize for the said county. Sends certificate from the Mayor and others of Abingdon. *Inclosed,*

7. I. *Mayor and others of Abingdon to the Sheriff of Berks. Certify what measures they have taken for relief of the poor.* 1631, *June* 1.

June 26. Greenwich. 8. The King to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a pardon to Sir Giles Alington for 12,000*l.*, lately set upon him in the Court of High Commission, and all penances, punishments, and bonds, except a bond of 2,000*l.*, dated the 24th inst. And also a pardon to Dorothy Dalton, the late supposed wife of Sir Giles.

June 26. 9. Attorney General Heath to Thos. Meautys, one of the Clerks of the Council. On the first complaint of the misdemeanours in the Forest of Dean, Robert Bridges, servant to Lady Villiers, gave the first overture. There was some suspicion of Sir Baynham Throckmorton and Mr. Hall, and they were sent for and cleared themselves. In justice to them Bridges was again sent for to answer his information. He is come, and the writer has examined him. He is very sorry for his mistaking, and is a suitor that he may be discharged, and attend his charge in the forest for his lady. Prays him to move the Lords for him. [*Bridges was ordered to be discharged* 1 *July* 1631. *Co. Reg., Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 76.]

June 26. Hereford. 10. Wallop Brabazon, Sheriff of co. Hereford, to the Justices of Assize. Sends a certificate of late received. *Inclosed,*

10. I. *Bailiff and another of Leominster to Wallop Brabazon, the Sheriff of co. Hereford. Certify measures taken for relief of the poor within their borough. Leominster,* 1631, *March* 19.

June 27. 11. Petition of Thomas Ivett to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth his services in the navy, and prays for a gunner's place in Bay Sconce, lately held by Richard Middleton, deceased.

June 27. Week. 12. John Lord Poulett to Sec. Dorchester. Shall always acknowledge the favour done him by the Sec. in sheltering him in a tempest, maliciously raised by Dingley, a stranger, a Papist, and a common solicitor for the Papists; Symes, the son of a pedlar, grown rich by usury, and Bruton, a right country justice, a simple man, guided by the others. Thanks for the care he took of certain soldiers who desired to go with the Marquis, but were put off by the under officers. The want of encouragement from Sir George Ramsey made them hasten their return. Will wait on him at Woodstock when his Majesty comes thither. Rejoices to hear the cause her Majesty has to stay from making progress this summer.

June 27. 13. Henry Viscount Newark to the same, his father-in-law. Expresses obligements, and wishes to know when he shall attend him in Oxfordshire.

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June 27. Minorites. [Minories.] 14. Sir John Heydon to William Boswell. Sends him the original indentures with the Armourers and their bonds, the penalties whereof amount to 6,283*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* In the Lords' order there is no mention of musket-rests, what artificer shall provide them. [*Boswell has indorsed a note of the several classes of bonds.*]

June 28. Greenwich. 15. The King to the Masters and Rulers of the Company of Watermen. Being informed that there are among the Thames watermen, bargemen, and fishers, divers lewd and unnecessary persons, and a great number more than can be employed; they are to take up all such persons, and deliver them by the 8th July next to such officers as the Marquis of Hamilton shall appoint. [*Copy.*]

June 28. Yarmouth. 16. Bailiffs of Yarmouth to the Council. In reply to their letter directing the writers to restore Mr. Cooper to his place of Alderman, they state that he has not produced his grievances, as formerly directed; that the new charter which he went about was by his Majesty's order so stayed at the Great Seal that it can never proceed any further; that they cannot dismiss Mr. Lucas, chosen alderman in his room, without breach of their charter; that since Cooper's dismissal, the town has been peaceable, and if restored, it would make a breach among them.

June 28. 17. Peter Hone to Sec. Dorchester. Extreme poverty compels him to solicit relief for his wounds and losses sustained in his 42 years' service. Sets forth his miserable condition. He had rather die at the mouth of a cannon than live in this bittering discontent. Intreats him for God's cause, and out of the affection he bears a soldier, to take him into his consideration.

June 29. 18. Petition of William Baker, of Ash, co. Kent, clerk, to the Council. Bargained with Richard Acres, miller, for five quarters of wheat, but afterwards, in obedience to his Majesty's proclamation, forbade him to deliver the same. Whereupon he is most unjustly vexed by Acres. Prays letters to the Judges of Assize on his behalf.

June 29. 19. Petition of Nathaniel Wright, of London, merchant, and one of the Muscovia Company, to the same. Had refused to be bound with Thomas Hoarth that their ship should not go to Greenland, inasmuch as he was free of the Company, whereupon the Lords moved him to adventure in the Company's Greenland joint stock, which he assented to, but the complainants refused to admit him. On petitioner's refusal to enter into bond Hoarth did so, and thereupon the ships were freed, but petitioner is by this means excluded for this year from any adventure, being one who had lived 14 years in Biscay, when these fishing voyages were first undertaken, and being the hirer of those Biscayners by whom English people were taught the skill of killing the whale, and for 10 years a director and adventurer in the voyage to Greenland. And now, upon some

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misinformation, had been committed to the Fleet for refusing to enter into such bond. *Annexed,*

19. I. *Affidavit of the petitioner that before the Mayflower and the Slott departed out of Yarmouth he abandoned all interest therein.* 1631, *June* 22. *Underwritten,*

19. II. *Reference to the Governor of the Greenland Company to return an answer personally on Friday next. Whitehall,* 1631, *June* 29.

June 29. 20. Sir Arthur Savage to Sec. Dorchester. Prays him to mediate with the Council for remittal of his fine, that he may receive full comfort in his languishing estate.

June 29. Tarvin. 21. Justices of Peace for co. Chester to Thomas Stanley, the Sheriff. Report of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Edisbury.

June 29. 22. Commission to John Franklin, William Crouch, and others, workmen armourers, Henry Rowland, and others, gunmakers, John Edwards and others, pikemakers, and John Gace and another, bandalier makers, whereby, in consideration of their having become bound to supply the King with certain numbers of arms whenever required, they were authorized to survey all the public arms of the kingdom, and repair and stamp the same, upon certain terms in a schedule to the Commission expressed. [*Draft, altered by Boswell. The Commission is printed in Rymer's Fœdera,* xix., 309.]

June 29. 23. Letters Patent of the same Commission.

June 29. 24. Copy of the same Commission, made before the alterations finally introduced into the two preceding articles. Here the Commission is to the Armourers and Gunmakers only, not to the pikemakers and bandalier makers.

[June 29 ?] 25. List of prices of the several parts and of the whole armour for a cuirassier, established by the Committee of the Council of War, by whom the preceding Commission was settled. It contains the prices demanded by the artificers, as well as those settled by the Council of War.

[June 29 ?] 26. Another similar list, but not so minute as the preceding.

June 30. Greenwich. Proclamation for new making, repairing, and stamping of armours, guns, pikes, and bandaliers, both of the common arms and arms of the trained bands, throughout England and Wales. The proclamation announces the above Commission of June 29, and forbids all other persons than the Commissioners to make, repair, or sell arms. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 144.]

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June 30. Warrant to pay to the Sub-Dean of his Majesty's chapel or Clerk of the Check thereof, 100 marks for repairing the old books and pricking new songs for the better performance of God's service and his Majesty's in that place. [*Docquet.*]

June 30. A like to pay to Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household, as Ambassador Extraordinary to the Kings of Denmark and Sweden and other Princes and States of Germany, an allowance of 6*l.* per diem for his diet from the beginning of May last, and also to advance him 1,000*l.*, with allowance for his transportations, posting charges, &c. [*Docquet.*]

June 30. A like to pay to Charles Lord Stanhope, his Majesty's Postmaster-General, 50*l.* on account, for laying extraordinary stages for this summer's service. [*Docquet.*]

June 30. Grant to William Lord Powis of the offices of Constable of the Castle of Radnor and of the Stewardship of the lordships of Radnor, Melenith, Gwerthernion, Comobrayder, Preston and Presteign, Landes, Knighton, and Gandestry, and of the boroughs of Knighton, Preston, and Radnor, and of the office of Clerk of all his Majesty's Manor Courts, in co. Radnor, in as ample manner as the late Earl of Pembroke enjoyed the same. [*Docquet.*]

June 30. Greenwich. 27. The King to Attorney General Heath. By inquisition held on the death of William Lacey, of Hartrowe, co. Somerset, held 1 August, 5th year of the late King, it was found that he died seised of lands held by knight's service in capite, and that William Lacey was his son and heir, then of the age of 40 years. William Lacey not having sued out any livery of those lands as he ought to have done, the Attorney General is to prepare a pardon to him for the same.

June 30. Whitehall. 28. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington. All the ships under his charge are to be in readiness on the 8th July next in Tilbury Hope, to take aboard the Marquis of Hamilton with his followers and servants, and transport them to such place as he shall direct.

June 30. 29. Officers of the Navy to Nicholas. The ships at Chatham lie with their rigging up, which makes them more subject to stress of wind, whilst their ground tackle is being much worn. Intreat him to signify so much to the Lords of the Admiralty.

July 30. 30. Robert Earl of Leicester to Sec. Dorchester. Wishes the line which the Sec. had made for a medium to be advanced from the point of the Artillery Wall to the eastward point of the Earl's ground; the alteration incloses nothing of Lord Salisbury's, and makes the ground a little nearer a square.

June 30. 31. Justices of Peace for co. Chester to the Sheriff. Measures adopted for relief of the poor in the hundred of Nantwich.

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June. 32. The King to Sir Robert Ducie, Lord Mayor of London. Adversaries slander these times as neglecting good works, yet it will be found that greater works of charity have been done since the Reformation than when Popery was at the highest. It has been the King's care, not only to defend the true faith, but to maintain the church and clergy in their proper jurisdictions, dignities, and professions, and to encourage his subjects to re-edify their churches, that respect being a clear evidence of true zeal. He has cast his eye on St. Paul's, the mother church of the diocese, and to be matched with few churches in Europe, for the repair whereof he has by his own example desired to provoke the generosity of the Lord Mayor and his brethren the Aldermen and Sheriffs. Recomends to them to assign out of the public Treasury of the city, and out of their own purses, a plentiful collection, before he sends briefs to the inferior citizens. [*Copy.*]

June. Westminster. 33. The same to the same. By letters of the 19th inst. his assistance was required to the Marquis of Hamilton for levying 6,000 voluntaries for the service of the King of Sweden. Being since informed that the service requires more speed, and that the city and suburbs are pestered with vagrants and masterless men, he is to search for strong-bodied vagrants and loose men, and putting them first in safe custody is to deliver them to the officers of the Marquis. [*Copy.*]

[June ?] 34. Petition of Andrew Bird, master of the Free School at Reading, to the King. On a previous petition the King addressed his letter to Bishop Davenant of Salisbury of 10 September last (*Vol.* clxxiii., *No.* 16.) Since which a reference has been procured by Henry Greenhill and others, on the suggestion that the Free School is not able to contain the multitude of youth who are to be taught, and that others have heretofore been authorized to teach grammar there besides the Free School, suggestions which cannot be proved; whereupon petitioner is summoned to attend in the Chancellor's Court at Sarum. Prays that the King's former letter may stand in force.

June. 35. The King to Bishop Davenant of Salisbury. Refers to his previous letter of 10 September last (*Vol.* clxxiii., *No.* 16.), and to the above petition of Andrew Bird. The King confirms his previous letter and directs the Bishop to pursue the directions therein contained.

[June ?] 36. Minute of the King's directions to Attorney General Heath, that the young Lady Castlehaven, wife to the now Lord, be endowed by her Lord with 300*l.* per annum for her life, in respect he is not willing to cohabit with her according to his promise to the King when he last spake with him; and also that Lady Castlehaven the mother and the Countess of Derby pay her a similar annuity of 200*l.* according to their promise made by the Lord Privy Seal.

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June. 37. Petition of Walter Powell to the Council. Was committed to the Marshalsea on the 12th inst. (*Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., 21, 26.) Expresses contrition and prays release.

[June ?] 38. Petition of Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Hone to the Council of War. Sets forth his service to the Crown of England during 42 years. Having engaged all his estate in Ireland is now destitute of means, with a wife and many children, who are like to perish for want. Having attended 28 months for his pay due for service long past, prays them to be a means to the King that he may have some reward for his services, and some means of support.

June. 39. Petition of William Bardwell, Marshal of the Admiralty of Suffolk, to Sec. Dorchester. In February twelvemonth a ship laden with masts was stranded at Orford Ness. Under direction of the Council Sir Lionel Tollemache granted warrant to petitioner to unlade the ship, which he did at an expense of 20*l.* 9*s.* Henry Dade, Judge of the Court of Admiralty of Suffolk, obtained a Commission to sell the goods, and pay petitioner the amount expended. Dade received 130*l.*, but refuses to pay petitioner. Prays an order to Dade to make said payment.

[June ?] 40. Notes by Sec. Coke of the contents of the report of the Governors of Christ's Hospital, of 23 April last (*Vol.* clxxxix., *No.* 22.), and of some subsequent proceedings taken thereon, perhaps before the Council or Commissioners specially appointed. The Governors were ordered to produce their charters.

[June ?] 41. Lord Treasurer Weston to Attorney General Heath. Sends copy of petition of Sir Thomas Cecil and Sir Francis Ashley to his Majesty, with his reference thereon, and requests, as for himself and the other referees, that the Attorney General will prepare a grant to Cecil and Ashley of the manor of Fakenham, Norfolk. *Above-written,*

41. I. *Petition of Sir Thomas Cecil and Sir Francis Ashley to the King for a reference to carry out an exchange between petitioners and the Crown of the manors of Croft and Whittlesey for Fakenham.* [*Copy.*] *Underwritten,*

41. II. *Reference as requested to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Privy Seal, Viscount Savage, the Chancellor of the Duchy, and the Chancellor of Exchequer. Greenwich,* 1631, *May* 30. [*Copy.*]

[June ?] 42. Considerations of certain articles containing suggested alterations in the management of the Great Wardrobe.

[June ?] 43. Muster and Survey by Capt. John Mason, of Gravesend and Tilbury Forts, being an account of the arrears due to the captains and gunners of those forts, and also of the necessary repairs. Totals: arrears due, 1,500*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*; cost of repairs, 1,203*l.* 14*s.*

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June. 44. Certificate of Justices of Peace of co. Herts of measures taken for relief of the poor within the towns of Watford, Rickmansworth, and Sarrett.

June. 45. Bailiffs and others of Ipswich to the Sheriff of Suffolk. Similar certificate.

[June?] 46. Mayor and another of Lynn to the Sheriff of Norfolk. Similar certificate.

[June?] 47. Justices of Peace for co. Norfolk to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundreds of Freebridge citra Lynn, Freebridge in partibus Marshland, and Clackclose.

June. 48. Justices of Peace for co. Cambridge to Thomas Terrell, the Sheriff. Certificate of quantity of corn remaining in the hundred of Ely and the south part of the hundred of Wingford.

June. 49. Brief of the proofs of the will of Edward Shayle, of Cuckerton, co. Gloucester, *ex parte* John Barnard, the executor.

June. 50. Brief in the same matter, *ex parte* Edith Hawton, who opposed the proof of the will.

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July 1. Westminster. 1. The King to Henry Earl of Danby, Edward Viscount Wimbledon, Horace Lord Vere, and Sir John Heydon. The King having received information from Sir Francis Godolphin, Captain of the Fort in the Scilly Islands, of the great defects of that fort, recommends to the persons addressed to inform themselves of the best way of strengthening the said islands, and to report the whole business to his Majesty. [*Draft.*]

July 1. Westminster. The same to Lord Treasurer Weston, the Earls of Lindsey and Dorset, Sec. Dorchester, Horace Lord Vere, and Sec. Coke. Commission for making saltpetre and gunpowder, with a variety of limitations of the power to be exercised by their deputies for making saltpetre, framed with the view of obviating recent complaints. [*Copy. See Vol. of Admiralty Collections,* DOM. ELIZABETH, 1590, *fol.* 102 *b.*]

July 1. 2. John Griffith, Vice-Admiral of North Wales, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Of late, there arrived at Pullhely, co. Carnarvon, a pirate ship of 60 tons, laden with linen and high country wines. Four of the men coming ashore were committed to the county gaol. They were formerly of company with Capt. Downes, not long since taken prisoner in the Isle of Man. Such as remained aboard made away with the ship, and afterwards seized on a merchant ship of 300 tons, and 26 guns; putting into their own ship the merchant

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and his men to shift for themselves; they elected Nutt their captain, who chose Morgan for his lieutenant, and took the ship, which, under Morgan's command, came ashore at Pullhely, having sprung a leak. The inhabitants held commerce with them, and Roberts, a Bristol trader, had been aboard and stayed a whole day. Desires instructions and a warrant for assistance from the forces of that and the adjoining counties. In a P.S. it is added, that he has just been assured that Sir Thomas Button is with his ship off Holyhead.

July 1. Westminster. 3. Sec. Dorchester to Sir James Bagg. He had been ordered to appraise and sell the ship and goods taken by Capt. Richard Donnell. He is forthwith to inform his Majesty of the true state and value of that ship and goods, and to forbear disposing of the same until further order. [*Draft.*]

July 1. Taunton. 4. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Sir Francis Dodington, the Sheriff. Report the supply and price of corn, for the division of [Taunton and Taunton Dean].

July 1. Gillmorton. 5. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Goodlaxton.

July $\frac{1.}{11.}$ St. Sebastian. 6. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Satisfaction received from his letter of the 3rd May. Thanks for bands and beavers. Will send his money by the first ship that goes to London. He dares not venture to write for commodities until the times grow better.

July 2. 7. Petition of Sir William Killigrew to the King. The Lords of the Admiralty having taken away the ancient privileges of the Fort of Pendennis in the harbour of Falmouth, and given equal command to St. Mawes, a block house, to which there are but 16 men allowed; prays that his Majesty would stay that order, and hear what petitioner can say thereon. *Underwritten,*

7. I. *The King having declared his purpose to hear these differences himself, directs the execution of the order above mentioned to be stayed in the meantime. Greenwich,* 1631, *July* 2.

July 2. Plymouth. 8. Mayor and others of Plymouth to the Council. The French merchants of Exeter have received their letter for levying, as in the case of Marteau and Delaune, one per cent. on all draperies transported into France, towards the expense of suits for repealing a sentence at Rouen, for confiscation of those commodities brought thither. The French trade is so bad, that any additional charge would destroy it; moreover, the sentence in the case of Marteau and Delaune was general, that in the present instance special, and not against commodities in which the merchants of this place deal.

July 2. 9. Notes by Attorney General Heath of the course to be adopted in the several cases of persons, who, refusing to compound for their

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knighthood, and having been summoned into the Exchequer, there pleaded various excuses, *ex. gr.*, If the person summoned pleaded that he had not 40*l.* per annum, it was declared a good plea in bar, and issues were to be stayed until Mr. Attorney either joined issue to be tried at the charge of the defendant, or had a commission to inquire. The latter course, it is added, was not to be had recourse to until some trials had been had, "for to make an example."

July 3. Licence to Charles Wilmot, son of Viscount Wilmot, to travel into parts beyond seas for four months, with two servants. [*Docquet.*]

July 3. The like to Henry Wilmot, son of Viscount Wilmot, to travel for three years, with two servants. [*Docquet.*]

July 3. Docquet of grant of sole licence to Capt. John Gilbert and James Freese. (*See Sign Man., July* 4, 1631.)

July 3. Warrant to the Officers of the Great Wardrobe for payment of 107*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* to Thomas Saunderson and George Cook, his Majesty's Coachmen, and Thomas Atkinson, Chariot-driver to the Queen, being an arrear for 1628 and 1629. [*Docquet.*]

July 3. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 10. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. When he received their warrant for transporting Lord Craven, he stood for Calais Road, and came to an anchor there among 20 sail of Holland men-of-war, which, as soon as they saw him, took in their flags and kept them in all the time he was there. The 26th, Lord Craven came aboard, and the 27th at night they anchored before the Brill. The 28th, landed him and his company with much ado, and 29th, got out of that unlucky road and tided it over. Found the St. Claude and the Whelp in the Downs, the Antelope being gone to the Texel for provisions by their order.

July 3. The Downs. 11. The same to Nicholas. If they are to waft the Marquis, they must be furnished with more victuals. Wishes leave either to go or send to clear the coast of pirates.

July 4. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Philip Proger, one of the Grooms of the Chamber, 857*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*, disbursed by him for the Queen's service. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 13.]

July 4. Greenwich. Grant to Captain John Gilbert and James Freese of the sole use of an engine for cleansing the Thames and taking water out of coalpits and mines, for 21 years, reserving a rent of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum to the Crown. [*Ibid., No.* 14.]

July 4. Westminster. Grant to Nicholas Pay of 400*l.* out of the forfeitures for importing or exporting prohibited merchandise, in consideration of his service and of 142*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.* disbursed by him for the use of the late Queen Anne. [*Ibid., No.* 15.]

July 4. Westminster. Protection to Richard Amherst, Sergeant-at-Law to the Queen, for one year, to enable him to satisfy the debts of Richard late Earl of Dorset. [*Ibid., No.* 16.]

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July 4. Westminster. Grant to Francis Fortescue and Edward Churchill of the office of Postmaster at Ludlow, with the fee of 2*s.* 6*d.* per diem. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 17.]

July 4. Greenwich. 12. The King to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a grant of the office of King's Remembrancer of the Exchequer to Sir Thomas Fanshaw, K.B., Simon Fanshaw, his brother, and Sir George Sands, K.B., on surrender of a former grant to the said Sir Thomas and Sir Arthur Harris.

July 4. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 13. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Will carefully accomplish their directions to repair into Tilbury Hope, to transport the Marquis of Hamilton. Whither they are to go, or how long the voyage, is not manners to inquire, but he has only six weeks victuals aboard. If the place may not be known, begs them to appoint him pilots.

[July 4 ?] 14. Petition of George Fielding, Registrar of the Court of Admiralty, to the same. The King having referred to them a petition of George Cottington, informing that a patent granted to William Hareward, Henry Russell, and John Hareward, of the Registrarship of the Admiralty was void, and praying for a grant of that office (*see Vol.* cxc., *No.* 22.), the present petitioner states that the office being void, was granted to him for life by the late Duke of Buckingham. Hopes they will not think it fitting that any other should have a grant whereby to trouble petitioner with a suit in law.

[July 4 ?] 15. Notes by Nicholas that Henry Russell and John Hareward surrendered their interest in the office of Registrar of the Admiralty on 14 Feb. 1625, and that the Duke of Buckingham granted the same to George Fielding on 28 Feb. 1625.

July 4. The Texel. 16. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. They are expecting the coming down of the Marquis's ship, which is still at Amsterdam. Committed a great error in forgetting to leave Capt. Pennington's packet in the Downs, but has now sent it to him.

July 4. The Texel. 17. The same to Lord Treasurer Weston. Repeats the information given above respecting the Marquis's ship with arms and ammunition. As soon as she comes thither, will use all diligence to get her into the Thames.

July 4. Apthorpe. 18. Mary Countess of Westmoreland to Sec. Dorchester. Wishes his advice about sending her son Francis into Germany and thence into France, especially whether his tutor, who has never travelled, but merely resided at Leyden, be a fit person to accompany him. Fears her son will trifle away his time rather than fall into vice. If he thinks the tutor insufficient, begs him to recommend some one. The Ambassadors, Sir Henry Vane and Sir Isaac Wake, will give her son directions.

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July 4. 19. Justices of Peace for Kent to Lord Treasurer Weston. At the request of Thomas Court, the King's tenant of a wood ground called Sayes Court Wood, they certify that the wood is near to Kent Street, in Southwark, which is replenished with multitudes of idle people who filch and carry away the wood at pleasure, so that there is no timber, and the underwood is so great a receptacle of thieves that passengers scarce dare pass that way.

July 24. Mitton. 20. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Has sent by the bearer 130*l.*, which is all he could provide. Wishes him to resolve of the time of sending his horses into Ireland. If Sir Richard Tracy deal for the park, there will be no ground for the horses at Michaelmas. Sends note of horses to be sent over; eight are reserved for his use, and the rest shall be sold.

July 4. Mitton. 21. The same to George Rawden. Has sent by Giles Harman 130*l.* He inns at the George, in Bread Street. The colts to be sent into Ireland should be taken up some time before, to be made gentle.

July 4. 22. Thomas Hinton to Dr. Bovile. His obligations to Lord Dorchester for procuring a reference to the Lord Keeper of a cause between Sir Francis Popham and the writer, wherein had been spent in suits not so little as 20,000*l.*, but it is now happily settled. The writer has studied a service for his Majesty's supply to a great value, but defers the communication to Lord Dorchester until next term.

July 4. 23. Warrant from the Commissioners for relief of distressed prisoners, for bringing before them at the Guildhall, London, on the 6th inst., the body of John Jackson, who having been warned to appear before the Commissioners, had neglected to do so.

July 5. Westminster. Grant of denization to Francis Offley, Anne Offley, and Bridget Offley, son and daughters of Thomas Offley. Lat. [*Sign Man., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 18.]

July 5. Westminster. Grant of denization to Catherine Culmer, born beyond seas. Lat. [*Ibid., No.* 19.]

July 5. 24. Sir Thomas Button to Nicholas. Sends letter of Lord Cork, whereby it may appear how Capt. Hooke carries himself in his employment. Wishes he were employed in any other way for his better good, and that the writer's nephew Will were again in his ship, whereby the King would be better served, and the State better satisfied. If he can manage this, Sir Thomas will be very thankful, and "in a good proportion." How dishonourable and how unchristianlike a thing it is, that these Turks should dare to do these outrages and unheard-of villanies upon his Majesty's coasts, by reason of the weakness of the guards, he can best judge. What ships are required for this service. *Inclosed,*

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24. 1. *Richard Earl of Cork to Sir Thomas Button. Boldness with which the Turkish men-of-war annoy the western parts of Ireland, and misconduct of Capt. Hooke in lying idle in Kinsale harbour. Appeals to Button to haste back and assist them. Dublin,* 1631, *June* 26. [*Copy.*]

July 6. Westminster. Charter of Incorporation of Sackville College for the Poor, of the foundation of Robert, late Earl of Dorset, with the consent of Edward, now Earl of Dorset, and Lord William Howard, his surviving executors, for the maintenance of 31 poor people at East Grinstead, in Sussex. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 20.]

[July 6?] 25. The King to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a pardon for Michael Dalton, of the fine of 2,000*l.* and other penalties, lately set upon him in the High Commission Court.

July 7. Westminster. Grant to Sir Thomas Fanshaw, K.B., Simon Fanshaw, his brother, and Sir George Sands, K.B., of the office of King's Remembrancer of the Exchequer. [*Sign. Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 21.]

July 7. Greenwich. 26. The King to Sir John Heydon. Warrant to deliver to the Marquis of Hamilton, certain sakers and drakes of brass and iron, heretofore delivered to Colonel Peblis, Master of Ordnance in the last expedition for Rochelle, and to make out a certificate of all the ordnance and field equipage issued for the expeditions to Cadiz, Rhé, and Rochelle, and what thereof has been wasted, what returned, and what remains serviceable. [*Copy.*]

July 7. Greenwich. 27. Another copy of the same, with memorandum indorsed, that there was no certificate in obedience to that order up to the 10th January 1633.

July 7. 28. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report upon a petition of William Clobery, for payment of freight and wages for three ships taken up for the King's service in the expedition to Rochelle. The sums due or proper to be allowed him, are 2,391*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*, and 690*l.* 12*s.* 5*d.*

July 7. Mincing Lane. 29. The same to the same. Have been much importuned by the labourers in the yard at Woolwich for wages due to them, which, being included in Peter Pett's accounts, and he having received the full sum due within 100*l.*, has refused to give them any satisfaction. Desire them to order satisfaction to be made to the labourers, it being a case of equity and charity, with an admonition to Mr. Pett.

July 7. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 30. Capt. John Pennington to the same. The wind has been so fierce from the north, that he has not been able to get about the Foreland, so as to proceed to Tilbury Hope for the Marquis of Hamilton, though he has attempted it every day. Reminds them

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of the state of his provisions. On his return shall be ready to go on service to free the coast of English, Biscayan, and Turkish pirates.

July 7. 31. Minutes by Nicholas of business before the Lords of the Admiralty. What shall be done with the 16 pirates (Biscayners) stayed at Scilly; defects of the St. Claude; letter of the Officers of the Navy touching the ship's carpenters; gunner's place in Bay Sconce; Capt. Plumleigh's petition; Powell's petition against Jolliff; petitions of Smith, the messenger, and of Bardwell; Sir Henry Marten's report on the petition of the Water Bailiff of the Vice-Admiralty of Kent; Capt. Pennington's letter about his provisions.

July 7. Deptford. 32. Capt. John Mason to Sec. Dorchester. The accounts of the Cadiz voyage are so mixed up with those of the subsequent expeditions, that without great pains they cannot be distinguished. Presents an estimate of the charge of the army proper to his own office, which, when the debts for billeting and arrears to officers are paid, he supposes to be a moiety of the whole charge, which may be conceived to be 500,000*l.* *Inclosed,*

32. 1. *Estimate of the charge of the landmen employed in the Cadiz action for* 22 *months; viz.*, 5 *months before and in the action, and* 17 *months in garrison at home; total,* 249,970*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*

July 8. Westminster. Revocation of a presentation to Henry Glemham, of the rectory of Badingham, Suffolk, in respect of a presentation formerly made to Simon Sumpter, by the University of Cambridge, of the same church. [*Sign Man. Car I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 23.]

July 8. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, 3,015*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, for provisions for 6,000 men serving under the Marquis of Hamilton. [*Ibid., No.* 24.]

July 8. Westminster. Commission to John Earl of Bridgewater to be the King's Lieutenant within the principality and marches of Wales, in such manner as the same was granted to the late Earl of Northampton. [*Ibid., No.* 25.]

July 8. Westminster. Pardon to William Lacey, son of William Lacey, deceased, for not suing forth his livery. [*Ibid., No.* 26.]

July 8. Westminster. 33. Petition of Henry Ridge, John Nelmes, and Thomas Bryan, to the King. Petitioners were sent for from the Forest of Dean, and brought up by Mr. Wragg, a messenger of the Chamber. They have attended 10 days. Pray that they may know what accusation is against them. *Underwritten,*

33. 1. *Reference to the Attorney General to take their examinations. Whitehall,* 1631, *July* 8.

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July 8. 34. Petition of John de Monsegur, master of the Virgin, of St. Jean de Luz, to the Council. Upon the good hope he hath to receive justice in the Admiralty Court, for restitution of his ship and goods taken by Capt. Prynne, of Plymouth, he has, on command of the Ambassador of France, caused restitution to be made of the goods arrested at St. Jean de Luz belonging to Englishmen, wherefore he prays restitution of all his goods, as well as his ship. [*The Council this day ordered Sir Henry Marten to expedite this cause according to justice. Reg. Concil. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 92.]

July 8. From his lodging. 35. Capt. Richard Paramour to Nicholas. Intreats him to move the Lords for a reference about the St. Anne.

July 8. Greenwich. 36. James Earl of Carlisle to Capt. John Pennington. This noble cavalier is one of the best seamen and bravest gentlemen in France. He desires to pass the sea in one of the Whelps, which, for the King's and Capt. Pennington's honour, should be put into the best equipage he can. Begs him to do all honour to the worthy stranger.

July 9. Discharge to James Marquis of Hamilton, Master of the Horse, of 400*l.*, received by him for provision of horses for the King's use, with warrant for payment of 97*l.* over and above. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 27.]

July 9. Docquet of the same.

July 9. Greenwich. 37. The King to the Masters and others of the Company of Watermen. There are in the Thames, of watermen, bargemen, and fishers, more than can be employed and kept from idleness. The persons addressed are to take up all such persons as may be spared, and to deliver them by the 11th inst. to the Marquis of Hamilton. [*Copy.*]

[July 9?] 38. The same to the Clerk of the Signet then attending. To prepare a bill for a grant of the prize ship, the Esperance, to Thomas May. [*Draft.*]

July 9. 39. Sir Sampson Darrell to the Lords of the Admiralty. Requests them to procure Brian Wynn and Thomas Morgan to be appointed his deputies to receive moneys for victualling ships on the coast of Ireland.

July 9. 40. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Dorchester. Eliza Lady Hatton is desirous for the dispatch of her business respecting lands in Croft, co. Lincoln, and the rectory of Whittlesey, co. Cambridge. There must be a fine acknowledged by the lady. Sir Edward Coke will not join with her, therefore it must be acknowledged by her as a *femme sole*, which is to be done by the King's warrant. [*Very much mutilated.*]

July 9. 41. Act questions in theology and philosophy to be discussed at Oxford on this day and the 11th inst. [*Printed.*]

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July 10. 42. Certificate of Officers of the Navy of the charge of victualling the Fifth and Ninth Lion's Whelps, employed on the coast of Ireland, the former to 25 May and the latter to 9 June, both in 1631. Remains due 426*l.* 9*s.* [*Copy.*]

July 10. Bridgewater. 43. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Sir Francis Dodington, the Sheriff. Their meetings for the hundreds of Huntspill and Puriton, Whitley, North Petherton, Andersfield, and Cannington have produced such good effect that they need not trouble him in future with long certificates. The laws are put in due execution.

July 10. 44. Justices of Peace for co. Dorset to Sir John Meller, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor within the division of Bridport.

July 11. Docquet of pardon to John Davies. (*See Sign Man., July* 16, 1631.)

July 11. Warrant to the Officers of the Great Wardrobe for necessaries for his Majesty's Chapel. [*Docquet.*]

July 11. 45. The King to [Henry Earl of Holland]. Warrant to send to certain foreign Ambassadors and agents residing in this country the numbers of deer of this season, mentioned in a schedule underwritten. [*Copy.*]

July 11. 46. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report on the claims of Sir Francis Stewart for his several employments. Find no occasion to alter their former certificate (*Vol.* clxxxvii., *No.* 65). State allowances to former Admirals under similar circumstances, and leave it to them to determine which is applicable to Sir Francis Stewart.

July 11. 47. Petition of William Cook, one of the four Masters Attendant of the Navy, to the same. On the increase of wages it was thought fit that the Masters should have the same wages in harbour as at sea, and it was afterwards appointed that they should have employment at sea every six months by turns. The increase of wages having been taken from them, and the other three Masters being at sea, petitioner is left at Chatham without increase or employment. Prays that he may have turn in employment.

July 11. Ragley. 48. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Sends a brace of bucks. Lord Brooke has been at Wedgenock since Wednesday, but the writer hears not whether he has compounded for Lord Conway's park; if he has, he conceives it is according as Sir Richard Tracy did. Details respecting Lord Conway's horses and rents.

July 11. 49. Sir Robert Karr to Sec. Dorchester. The King commanded the writer to give an inclosed petition to Dorchester. He sends it without waiting to see him, lest the petitioner who suffered so much at Rochelle should have any harm by delay.

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[July 11 ?] 50. Certificate of Masters and Assistants of the Company of Watermen of London. The 83 men pressed [for the Marquis of Hamilton] comprise some fishermen and some western bargemen, but not any widows' servants, except such as have two, and only such men as their dames and others have made continual complaints of their lewd misdemeanours. [*Nicholas adds that* 170 *were pressed, but only* 83 *are gone. Copy.*]

July 12. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Henry Gooch, D.D., 422*l.* 10*s.*, disbursed in accompanying Sir Dodmore Cotton in his late embassy to Persia. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 28.]

July 12. Westminster. Warrant to allow 4,248*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* to the farmers of the Customs for the year ending Michaelmas 1627, for sundry imports and exports which had been exempted from duty. [*Ibid., No.* 29.]

July 12. The Bonaventure, in Tilbury Hope. 51. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sent the St. Claude to convoy the Joan Anne, laden with provisions, to Portsmouth. Yesterday received a letter from Mons. Nicolaldo, that he was ready at Dunkirk. Being on his way to receive the Marquis, durst neither go nor send the Whelp. If Capt. Plumleigh comes not that day, will send the St. Claude as soon as she returns. The Lords having written that only his ship and the Whelp are to attend the Marquis, begs them to order the other ships to the westward, to free those parts of pirates.

July 12. 52. Capt. John Powell to Simon Prickles. Capt. Powell having lost both his arms in the King's service, and for almost three years sued for some assistance towards the maintenance of his wife and children, he appoints Prickles to solicit in his behalf.

July 12. Winslow. 53. Justices of Peace for co. Bucks to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the three hundreds of Cottesloe.

July 13. Westminster. Warrant to pay to John Acton, his Majesty's goldsmith, 5,777*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*, for gilt plate, chains, and medals of gold, given away in new year's gifts and at christenings, and to sundry Ambassadors, and for mending broken plate; and also to pay 19*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* to his Majesty's cutler and the almsmen beadles of Goldsmiths' Hall, as has been accustomed. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 30.]

July 13. Westminster. 54. The King to Sir Robert Ducie, Lord Mayor, and others of London. The King understands, by the petition of Sir George Marshal and Elizabeth his wife, widow of Robert Angell, that the son and heir of Angell has taken various proceedings with intent to defraud the said Elizabeth, his mother-in-law, of the thirds which by custom of the city are due to her. His Majesty requires the persons addressed to put an end to that business, according to the intent and equity of their custom. [*Copy.*]

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July 13. 55. Petition of the tenants and inhabitants of Fishlake, Sikehouses, Stainforth, Balne, and Pollington, to the Council. Differences and suits having arisen between petitioners and Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, the Council formerly referred the same to Lord President Wentworth, Lord Darcy, and Mr. Justice Hutton, who made an award to which all parties agreed. But Vermuyden has so much advanced the height of the Dutch bank above the country bank, that the petitioners' estates and lives are in greater hazard than ever. Pray relief. [*With the concurrence of Sir Cornelius and the petitioners, this petition was again referred to Lord President Wentworth, to make a final award. Co. Reg. Car I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 94.]

July 13. St. James'. 56. The Council to the Judges of Assize for cos. Wilts, Dorset, and Somerset. The King had already given special commandment to the Lord Keeper to give it in charge to them to use extraordinary diligence to discover and punish the offenders and encouragers of certain rebellions rather than riots lately committed on their circuit. His Majesty now puts them in mind thereof, and charges them to proceed against these delinquents with all the severity which in justice they may, and that they let the Sheriff and all other officers know that the King looks for better performance of their duties, and will call them to an exact account. [*Draft in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath.*]

[July 13?] 57. Petition of William Manser to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has been sent for, for commencing an action in the King's Bench against Wm. Miles, late Water Bailiff to Sir Thomas Walsingham, who seized a boat of petitioner's for dredging a few oysters in a common fleet called Burlett, being a usual recreation in that part of the country. Offers to stay proceedings until Miles makes the right appear, and prays discharge.

[July 13?] 58. Petition of Edward Powell to the same. The Dolphin, of Shoreham, having been forfeited for piracy, the King granted petitioner his part thereof, and their Lordships addressed letters in October last to Richard Jolliff to deliver the same, or make payment, accordingly. Jolliff having contemptuously refused, and having been sent for in consequence, petitioner prays that he may be satisfied before Jolliff is discharged.

July 13. Westminster. 59. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Forwards him warrant to send the Antelope or St. Claude to fetch Signor Nicolaldo, the King of Spain's agent. The Lords will consider about sending any of his fleet to the westward. Sir Francis Cottington was on Sunday last, at Greenwich, created Baron Cottington, of Hanworth, in very solemn manner. The hopes and prayers of all honest men are that success will attend the Marquis. Wishes Pennington to let him know that Nicholas would be happy to receive any commands from him. The King is gone to-day from Greenwich to Oatlands, being the entrance on his progress. Wishes to hear when Pennington sails. Victuals ordered to be sent.

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July 13. 60. William Caldwall to Nicholas. Receipt for 10*l.*, a quarter's rent of house, garden, and coach-house, in King Street, Westminster.

July 13. Br[aintree?]. 61. Dr. Samuel Collins to Dr. Duck [Chancellor to Bishop Laud]. Is importuned by Mr. Daniel Rogers to join in a certificate to the Bishop of London, with some other neighbour ministers, who have known his conversation. Begs him to deliver it, if he thinks it will do Mr. Rogers good and the signers no hurt.

July 13. 62. Justices of Peace for Suffolk [to the Justices of Assize]. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Wangford.

July 14. Westminster. Protection to Sir Benjamin Thorneburgh, the King's servant, for one year. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 31.]

July 14. Docquet of the same.

July 14. Westminster. Pardon to Sir Giles Alington of a fine of 12,000*l.*, and to Michael Dalton of a fine of 2,000*l.*, with all other punishments imposed on them by the High Commission Court, except one bond of 2,000*l.* entered into by Sir Giles. [*Ibid., No.* 32.]

July 14. Docquet of the same.

July 14. Docquet of letter from the King to the Lord Mayor and others of London in favour of Elizabeth Lady Marshal. (*See the letter*, 1631, *July* 13, *No.* 54.)

July 14. Docquet of warrant to pay John Acton 5,777*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*, and also 19*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.* to other persons. (*See the warrant*, 1631, *July* 13.)

July 14. Grant to John Earl of Peterborough and Sir John Compton, K.B., in consideration of 1,000*l.*, of lands heretofore incroached within the manor of Richmond and lordship of Middleham, co. York, to be held in socage under the rent of 12*l.* 11*s.* 1¼*d.* [*Docquet.*]

July 14. Licence to Robert Brett, of White Stanton, co. Somerset, to travel beyond seas for three years, with one servant, and 30*l.* in money. [*Docquet.*]

July 14. Oatlands. The Council to Judges of Assize for cos. Gloucester and Worcester. Letter similar to that to the Judges for cos. Wilts, &c. (*See No.* 56). [*Draft.*]

July 14. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. William Cook, captain of the pinnace Henrietta, employed to guard the rivers Thames and Medway. Instructions similar to those given to Capt. Thomas Austen, 10 May 1631. (*See Book of Instructions, Vol.* clvii., *p.* 118.)

July 14. 63. Petition of George Rookes and Robert Woodroffe to the Lords of the Admiralty. About nine months past his Majesty lent his prize ship, the Esperance, to petitioners and one Blizard, merchants

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trading to Barbary for two years. Being in good forwardness to set out to sea, Blizard died, whereupon the Officers of the Navy stopped the delivery of the ship until petitioners procured a new warrant to the survivors, which they obtained. Thereupon they received a warrant from the Master of the Ordnance for delivery of the ordnance, and when much time was spent, covenanted with the Officers of the Navy, and entered into bond for re-delivery of the ship and furniture, and provided cordage and other things for setting her to sea, and goods for the intended voyage. But now Sir Kenelm Digby has signified to petitioners that his Majesty has given the ship to a man to them unknown, and has thereupon stayed their voyage. Pray them to procure petitioners the enjoyment of their grant.

July 14. 64. Minutes by Nicholas of businesses to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty this day. Among them are mentioned, the new commission for saltpetre; cases of William Manser and Lawrence Pawley, and that of Richard Jolliff, all in custody; businesses standing over from the last meeting; Peter Pett attends on the complaint of the Officers of the Navy.

July 14. Nicholas to Sir John Heydon. The Lords of the Admiralty desire him to prepare 1,500 corselets and pikes and 1,500 muskets and rests and bandaliers, and 700 bandaliers more, to be ready on the morrow, to be delivered to the Marquis of Hamilton. [*Copy. Nicholas's Letter Book, p.* 94.]

July 14. The Downs. 65. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to Nicholas. Reports that he has wafted the Joan Ann, of Swanage, to Portsmouth, and has returned to the Downs for further orders.

July 14. 66. Petition of John Milton to Lord Treasurer Weston. Petitioner was saltpetreman for York, Durham, and Northumberland. He disbursed 200*l.*, and had loss of petre by sea to the value of 90*l.* He was displaced without cause in his absence by John Giffard, who promised petitioner that he should have the working under him, and thereupon had of petitioner 10*l.* as for the charges of the patent. Yet by threats of disgrace Giffard compelled petitioner to a composition, and has since placed Wm. Richardson in the works, and has refused to give employment to petitioner. Prays that he may be restored.

July 14. 67. Petition of William Richardson the elder to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner had a deputation for York, Northumberland, and Durham, and put them over to John "Melton." On the death of the Earl of Totness, petitioner and Melton being absent, those counties were conferred on others. Hilliard and Stevens are certified to have misbehaved themselves, and Grove and Giffard have more counties than were ever allotted to any two. Prays that out of the superfluity of the one or the delinquency of the other, he may have some employment.

July 14. London. 68. Sec. Coke to Sec. Dorchester. Requests him to present to his Majesty for signature a renewed charter to York, moved by the

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Lord President of the North, and the changes approved by the Lord Keeper and other referees. Wishes it returned by Ripling-ham, the bearer.

July 14. 69. Petition of William Werie, Henry Pinder, and other poor labouring men, employed in the timber yard at Woolwich, to Sec. Coke. Petitioners were employed during the works on the Van-guard and Victory, by warrant from Mr. Burrell and Capt. Pett. They are discharged with 60*l.* left unpaid of their wages. Pray satisfaction.

July 14. St. John's. 70. Sir Thomas Hatton to Francis Earl of Bedford. Wishes him to take notice that the Earl of Exeter is willing that the Royal assent should pass the Great Seal, and be delivered to the Earl of Bedford. [*Indorsed as relating to the Earl of Exeter's "consent to the law of Sewers, made at a sessions holden at King's "Lynn, 13° Januarij, 6to Ca. Reg."*]

July 15. Westminster. Warrant to repay to Sir Francis Crane 5,000*l.*, with interest at the rate of 8 per cent., paid by him for the purchase of 200*l.* a year in fee-farm of lands within the honour of Grafton, upon an agree-ment which could not be made good. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 33.]

July 15. Westminster. Grant to Thomas Blechenden, B.D., of a prebend in Canterbury cathedral, lately held by Richard Hunt, D.D. [*Ibid., No.* 34.]

July 15. Westminster. Grant to Richard Knightley, George Gawdy, and John Stubbe, of the manor of Fakenham, in Norfolk, and a fee-farm rent of 5*l.* 10*s.*, parcel of a former grant to Edward Ferrers and Francis Phillips. [*Ibid., No.* 35.]

July 15. The Bonaventure. 71. James Marquis of Hamilton to the King. Requests per-mission that the pinnace, the Henrietta, may accompany him. She is not one of those appointed to Ireland, nor above 50 tons.

[July 15 ?] Aboard ship at Leigh. 72. The same to Sec. Dorchester. Before his parting, was a suitor to the King to write a letter to the King of Denmark, that if the Marquis fortuned to land in his dominions, he might have liberty to pass to the King of Sweden, and to have provisions for his men. Forgot to mention this before, and now stays for nothing else.

July 15. 73. Petition of Richard Steele, one of the Gentlemen Extra-ordinary of the Privy Chamber, to the Council. On petitioner's complaint against Sir John Price, Edward Archer, and others, some of them were sent for, who are now attending. Prays a hearing or reference.

July 15. 74. Petition of Sir Sampson Darrell, Surveyor of Victuals to the Navy, to the same. Commissions have been issued under the Great Seal to enable petitioner and his predecessors to buy provisions in any part of England, paying reasonably for the same. Pray that

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such Commissions may be enlarged so as to include Ireland, and to extend to barley. *Underwritten,*

74. I. *Reference to the Commissioners of the Navy* [*Lords of the Admiralty ?*]. *Whitehall,* 1631, *July* 27.

July 15. 75. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Mr. Goodwyn and Mr. Boate, at Portsmouth, have certified them that the Esperance is unserviceable, and her planks so rotten and worm-eaten, that she is unfit for service without great charge. Recommend she should be sold.

July 15. The Duchy House. 76. Henry Viscount Falkland to Sec. Dorchester. If the Sec. will be at Roehampton on Monday or Tuesday next, in his way from Oatlands to London, the Lord Treasurer, with him, will take his resolution in Lord Falkland's case. Prays him to inform the writer whether he will be there.

July 15. 77. Account of Richard Jolliff of the receipts and payments of his Vice-Admiralty of the Isle of Wight from 25 March 1629 to 25 December 1630. The profit was 128*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*, of which the King was entitled to a moiety. The receipt consisted of 230*l.*, at which sum the Dolphin, of Shoreham, was sold to Capt. Scras, the former owner.

July 16. Westminster. Warrant to advance to Sir Henry Vane, Comptroller of the Household and Ambassador Extraordinary to the Kings of Denmark and Sweden, 3,000*l.* for his present provisions. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 36.]

July 16. Westminster. Pardon to John Davies, convicted of manslaughter for killing Henry Gower. [*Ibid., No.* 37.]

[July] 16. Oatlands. 78. The King to Attorney General Heath. Warrant to take the acknowledgment of a fine by Eliza Lady Hatton as a *femme sole* for completion of a sale of lands, being part of her separate estate, to Sir Thomas Cecil and others. [*Copy, much mutilated.*]

July 16. 79. [Sec. Dorchester] to the same. In connexion with the preceding, but so much mutilated that its purport is scarcely to be made out. If correctly understood, the Lord Chief Justice Richardson had refused to take the acknowledgment of Lady Hatton's fine as directly against law, which occasioned the royal interference above mentioned. [*Copy.*]

[July 16.] 80. Eliza Lady Hatton to Sec. Dorchester. Another paper, similarly mutilated to the two preceding. It seems to have inclosed the original of the warrant of this date, above calendared, with a request that Dorchester would procure its signature by the King. In a P.S. added by Lord Holland he urges dispatch.

July 16. 81. Sir Robert Ducie, Lord Mayor of London, to the Council. Sends report of Committee appointed to consider petition for reforming gold weights, referred by the Council to the Lord Mayor. *Annexed,*

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81. 1. *Extract from Minutes of the Court of Aldermen, containing entry of report of Sir Hugh Hammersley, Aldermen Freeman and Clitherowe, Sir Maurice Abbot, and Alderman Garraway, a committee appointed to consider the petition above mentioned. They recommend that some persons who are skilful in the subject should be appointed to oversee all gold weights made within the kingdom.* 1631, *July* 14.

July 16. Westminster. 82. Nicholas to Sec. Dorchester. Wrote to Mr. Boswell to send him the resolution of the Council of War concerning the castles of Pendennis, Scilly, and Landguard Point. Puts him in mind of the recommendation of the Lords of the Admiralty, of Capt. Henry Woodhouse to be captain of Tilbury Fort, in place of Sanders, a shopkeeper in London, and Capt. Hone to be capt. of the Fort at Gravesend, in place of Smith, whose experience in soldiery was learned in a tailor's shop, whence, in Lord Nottingham's time, he was preferred to that charge.

July 16. London. 83. Jane Levingston to the same. Recommends to his further care a business for her son.

[July 16 ?] 84. Robert Lord Brooke to Edward Viscount Conway. Begs an answer to the inclosed paper. Assures him he will only use the privileges alluded to, and not abuse them. Desires Lord Conway to make the writer's habitation [at Ragley] happy, by placing a faithful minister there. Propounded one to Sir Robert Harlow [Harley], but is content that he be baulked, so as a sufficient man be put in. Intreats Lord Conway to pardon the writer's young zeal. *Inclosed,*

84. 1. *Memorandum of certain privileges desired by Lord Brooke to be included in his lease of Ragley. They principally relate to the royalties of hawking, and hunting, fishing, and fowling; that the pictures be left in the gallery, and that Lord Brooke have the use of what furniture be left in the house.*

July 16. 85. Additions to be made to former articles for letting Ragley, between Edward Viscount Conway and Robert Lord Brooke, occasioned by the memorandum above mentioned. The stipulation as to the game is conceded to Lord Brooke personally; the herons are to be as carefully kept as they were in old Lord Conway's time. The pictures are to be left for the present. The furniture may be freely used.

July 17. The Bonaventure, before Lee. 86. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Are setting sail for Yarmouth, where his Lordship [Marquis of Hamilton] hopes to meet with his ships that are to come out of Scotland, and so from thence to proceed to the Sound. Prays for a fair wind and a strong gale, that may take away the soldiers' stomachs, for they are weakly provided of victuals. No news of the Antelope or of the Marquis's ship with his arms. Has received order to take along with him the Henrietta.

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July 17. Oatlands. 87. Sir Robert Killigrew to Nicholas. Begs him to hasten the order to Sir Francis Vivian and Hannibal Bonithon, not to cause any masters of ships to do any duties at St. Mawes until his Majesty has heard the differences between that place and Pendennis.

July 17. The Downs. 88. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to the same. Has been to Dunkirk for the Archduchess's agent, and has landed him that day at Deal. There is a fleet of 30 ships of war at Dunkirk ready to come to sea. Shall ply thereabouts until he receives further orders.

July 17. Grantham. 89. William Lord Stirling to Sec. Dorchester. Being at that place, the constables came to him with a complaint that Mr. Torell [Thorold] had caused them to be imprisoned for taking a horse, by virtue of a commision to ride post, as if they had stolen him. Begs him to represent the truth to the Board.

July 17. Twyford. 90. Justices of Peace for Berks to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken in the Forest division for relief of the poor.

July 18. Oatlands. 91. Henry Earl of Holland to Sec. Dorchester. On the request of Sir Pierce Crosby, the King wishes the Sec. to give order for a warrant to levy 2,000 voluntaries for the service of the King of Sweden, and a like order for a warrant to Sir Thomas Cecil to levy 750 voluntaries to recruit the regiment of his colonel, Lord Reay, for the same service. As the time of year spends away the Sec. is urged to speedy dispatch.

July 18. Christchurch, [Oxford]. 92. Paul Lord Bayning to his father-in-law, Sec. Dorchester Thanks him for accepting his lodging [at Oxford, during the progress].

July 19. Sarum. 93. John Nicholas to his son Edward Nicholas. Joy at his resolution of coming to them. Wishes to know the exact day as his sister Butterworth will return in the coach that brings him. It will be too hard a journey for his wife and little ones to come in two days. Lord Chief Justice Richardson is come the circuit alone. He is nothing jovial as he was wont, but very melancholy and sad. He talks of going the whole circuit, but it is thought he will not be able. Edward Nicholas's brother Dyke has proposed that Edward's son's name should be put in the parsonage of Winterbourne, which the writer is willing to do, and wants the deed for that purpose. Edward's brother and sister Elliott send love.

July 19. Tottenham. 94. Minutes by Nicholas of answers to three petitions to the Lords of the Admiralty, given this day by Sec. Coke.

[July 19?] 95. James Marquis of Hamilton to Sec. Dorchester. Being under sail with a fair gale, expresses his infinite obligations to the Sec. [*Indorsed by Dorchester,* "Received at Oatlands the 20th of July 1631."]

July 19. 96. Lord Treasurer Weston to Sec. Coke. The Sec. has so well disposed of those things which are in his hands that he may the

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1631. more quietly take his journey. The writer was very ill all last night, with his wonted indisposition. Mentions several businesses with which he would proceed in Coke's absence, one related to the armoury, others to Lord Mount Norris, and Lord Cork. The King will honour the latter with an office which will give him both power and title. Speedy order shall be given for a commission about the Londoners' debt. Thanks for Coke's care and warm expressions of attachment.

July 19. 97. Report of Sir Henry Marten on the dispute between Daniel le Clerke and Company, and certain subjects of the King of Spain concerning the Nostra Signora de Rosario. Sir Henry recommended that the King should appoint some honourable personages to hear counsel on both sides.

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July 20. Westminster. Grant to Thomas Ball, the elder, and Thomas Ball, his son, of the office of Comptroller of the Customs within the port of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 38.]

July 20. Docquet of the same.

July 20. Westminster. Grant to Robert Sleddall, the younger, of the office of Customer in the port of Carlisle, in like manner as the same was held by Sir Richard Graham. [*Ibid., No.* 39.]

July 20. Docquet of the same.

July 20. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Chamberlain, 768*l.* 15*s.* 4½*d.*, for paling out a course in the park of Clarendon, and repairing the Queen's Manor Lodge in the said park. [*Ibid., No.* 40.]

July 20. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Thomas Mynne, Knight harbinger, 686*l.* 12*s.*, for attendance on Mons. de Chasteauneuf, Ambassador Extraordinary from France. [*Ibid., No.* 41.]

July 20. Docquet of the same.

July 20 [?] Warrant to the Exchequer and Duchy of Lancaster, to give warrant to the Attorney General to prepare grant to Sir Thomas Cecil and Sir Francis Ashley, of the manor of Fakenham, co. Norfolk, in lieu of their lands in Croft, co. Lincoln, and the manor of Whittlesey, in the Isle of Ely. [*Ibid., No.* 42.]

July 20. Docquet of the same.

July 20. Grant of an almsroom in Worcester for Thomas Robins. [*Docquet.*]

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July 20. Whitehall. 1. Order of Council that his Majesty having given his assent to an Act of Sewers, made at King's Lynn on January 13, 1631, for draining the Great Level of cos. Northampton, Lincoln, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Huntingdon, and the Isle of Ely, and having intimated his pleasure that it should be ordered by the Board as a matter of state not to be altered, the Council therefore require all persons concerned to take notice, that they will maintain the aforesaid Act, and punish any one who shall presume to stop or hinder its prosecution.

July 20. 2. George Long, Justice of Peace for Middlesex, to the Council. By their direction had sent for John Cocke, a messenger, and had examined into the truth of certain articles against him. Sends the examinations he had taken, with copy of a bond for the appearance of one Whaley, whereby the behaviour of Cocke and Thomas Mayo, a partner of his, more particularly appears. *Inclosed,*

2. I. *Examinations of William Jenyson, John Clark, John Wright, Israel Fryer, Richard Lovett, all of whom depose to arrests of Roman Catholics, and seizures of vestments and relics by Cocke, and payments made to him for their redemption. In some cases Cocke was accompanied by Mayo.* 1631, *July* 15.

2. II. *Examination of Lewis Scarbault, who deposes to the seizure of a cope, which Cocke offered to restore for* 5*l.*, *and refused* 50*s. The* 5*l. not having been paid, Cocke said he had given up the cope to Sec. Dorchester; but it was stated that he had pawned it for* 3*l. to an alehouse-keeper in Newgate Market.* 1631, *July* 15.

[July 20?] 3. Note of facts which it was alleged could be proved against John Cocke, or Coke, mentioned in the preceding article, with marginal observations, as to which of them had been substantiated by the depositions taken before Mr. Long, and in respect of which the witnesses failed to attend. The marginal remarks were probably written by Mr. Long.

July 20. 4. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Capt. Tench and Mr. Ivett, are both of them every way fitted for the place of master gunner in Bay Sconce. They see no occasion to alter their former certificate in favour of the former. *Inclose,*

4. I. *John Reynolds, Master Gunner of England, to the Officers of the Navy. Capt. John Tench is very able to serve as master gunner in a place of greater consequence than Bay Sconce. Artillery Garden,* 1631, *July* 19.

[July 20.] 5. Sir Henry Palmer to the same. To the same effect as the preceding. Evidently prepared with a view to its being signed by all the Officers of the Navy, but signed only by Sir Henry Palmer, who did not sign the preceding.

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July 20. 6. Petition of Thomas Hilliard, saltpetreman, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth his past services. Having in part purged himself of the objections against him, he prays that he may go on with his works.

July 20. Tottenham. 7. Sec. Coke to Sec. Dorchester. Being ready to take his journey sends him two letters to be signed by his Majesty. His servant Fulwood will receive them and deliver them to Sir Thomas Phillips, who goes over into Ireland to solicit the business against the Londoners. The Lord Treasurer should help him with moneys for his journey.

July 20. Cambridge. 8. Dr. Thomas Bainbrigg to the same. Excuses himself for not procuring a fellowship for Mr. Shute. The writer had been Shute's father's scholar, and his own and a brother's tutor, besides an uninterrupted series of mutual kind offices, but another holds so strong as the writer should conclude himself false to God, to the express will of their famous founders, and false to his country, if he should offer the least violence to his claim.

July 20. Ragley. 9. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Has sent up four nags and the little bay nag that came out of Ireland. Gives various details respecting the horses. The Dutch mares Lord Conway mentioned were sent there as Spanish, and are rather like jennets than Dutch.

July 20. Winchendon. 10. Sir Francis Goodwin to Sec. Dorchester. Sir John Sidley being in hand with the purchase of the manor of More, lately belonging to the Earl of Bedford and now to the Lord Chamberlain, Sir Francis begs the Sec. to represent to Sir John certain claims which Sir Francis has thereon on account of his suretyship for a large debt of the late Earl and Countess of Bedford.

July 20. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. 11. Dr. Henry Butts to Mrs. Dashfield, at her house in Fleet Street. Sends certificate of the actions against her son who is prisoner in the Tolbooth and in great misery. He professes his desire to reside on his benefice. *Inclosed,*

11. 1. *Brief of actions entered in the Courts of the University of Cambridge, against John Dashfield, clerk. Total, including* 1*l.* 5*s.* 4*d. fees,* 15*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*

July 20. 12. Act of Common Council of the City of London for regulating the election of Sheriffs. The election to take place on the 24th June annually; no person to be excused except upon oath that he is not worth 10,000*l.*; penalty for refusal to serve 400*l.*, or if an Alderman, 600 marks. [*Copy.*]

July 20. 13. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to Francis Mapes, the Sheriff. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundreds of South Erpingham, Eynsford, North Erpingham, and Holt.

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July 21. Warrant to Sir Thomas Trevor, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, to convey lands formerly conveyed to him and others now deceased, in trust for the King, when Prince of Wales, to the Attorney and Solicitor General, and Sir Robert Berkeley, King's Sergeant, that they may convey the same to Thomas Viscount Savage, Francis Lord Cottington, Sir Henry Vane, the same Sir Thomas Trevor, Sir Walter Pye, Attorney of the Court of Wards, and Sir John Banks, Attorney General to the Prince, to the use of his Majesty. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 43.]

July 21. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Gabriel Lap, Woodward of the New Forest in Hants, 165*l.*, to be employed in repairing divers lodges in that forest, and to give order for felling 46 tons of timber for that service. [*Ibid., No.* 44.]

July 21. Docquet of the same.

July 21. Westminster. Pardon to Thomas Hitch, indicted for stealing a gelding belonging to Robert Tyler. Lat. [*Ibid., No.* 45.]

July 21. Docquet of the same.

July 21. Westminster. Grant of denization to Bartholomew de Montagutt, one of the Grooms of the Privy Chamber to the Queen, and to his brother Peter de Montagutt. Lat. [*Ibid., No.* 46.]

July 21. Docquet of the same.

July 21. Docquet of a warrant to pay to Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery 768*l.* 15*s.* 4½*d.* (*See Sign Manual*, 1631, *July* 20.)

July 21. The King to the Wardens of New College, Oxford, and of Winchester, and to the rest of the electors there, to choose the brother of Adrian May at their next election into a scholar's place in New College, Oxford. [*Docquet.*]

July 21. Westminster. 14. The same to Secs. Dorchester and Coke. On the motion of John Earl of Bridgewater and Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Presidents of the Courts of Wales and York, the King requires them not to suffer any grant of place or fine in those Courts to pass the signet without notice to the Presidents of the same. [*Copy.*]

July 21. 15. Another copy of the same.

July 21. Docquet of the same.

July 21. Whitehall. 16. The Council to the Masters and Wardens of the Company of Felt Makers, or to the Messengers of his Majesty's Chamber. Warrant to apprehend persons acting in disobedience to the good orders set down for the better governance of the said Company.

July 21. 17. Petition of John Webster, of Kinsale, prisoner in the Marshalsea, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner was taken from his own affairs by Capt. Hooke of the Fifth Lion's Whelp, employed for guard of the Irish seas under Sir Thomas Button, and

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sent over as a messenger extraordinary with letters of import to the Lords of the Admiralty. Whilst waiting for an answer, he has been arrested by Timothy Newman, one of the Knight Marshal's men, and carried prisoner to the Marshalsea. Prays discharge.

July 21. Westminster. 18. Sec. Dorchester to Henry Earl of Holland. To urge Sir Pierce Crosby to send a list of his Captains in time for the meeting of the Council on the morrow, which will be the last meeting before the progress. [*Copy.*]

July 21. Eastham. 19. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Chester, as to measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Wirrall.

July 22. Westminster. Renewal and extension of a former Commission to Magistrates at Bristol, Beaumaris, Chester, Liverpool, and Workington, to grant passports to persons going abroad. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 47.]

July 22. Docquet of same.

[July 22 ?] 20. Draft of the Attorney General's docquet written under the preceding sign manual.

July 22. Oatlands. 21. The King to Henry Earl of Holland, Justice in Eyre on this side Trent. Warrant for bucks to be bestowed upon the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Recorder of London. [*Copy.*]

[July 22.] 22. Aldermen and others of Grantham to the Council. Certificate in favour of Gervase Johnson, servant to the postmaster of that place, sued by Nathaniel Thorold for taking a horse of his for the King's service. [*Thorold was this day ordered to withdraw his action, and Johnson to be more careful in his conduct. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 118.]

July 22. 23. Petition of John Alvarez Madrez, Manuel Alvez Godines, and Company, of Vienna, owners of the Nostra Signora Penna de Franca and her lading, to the Lords of the Admiralty. On the 25th June last the Lords addressed an inhibition to Capt. Reskeimer "and sociats" for transmitting the proceedings of the Admiralty by the 17th inst. Pray that certain indicated proceedings may be taken during the vacation, so that the cause may be ready for hearing by the next term.

July 22. From his house in Aldersgate Street. 24. Sir Henry Marten to Sec. Dorchester. Sends copy of the sentence given in the cause of the Virgin of St. Jean de Luz. The restitution decreed for the French was *ex gratiâ* not *ex justiciâ*, inasmuch as the ship was captured in fight, and was found to be carrying warlike stores to the Spaniards then at enmity with his Majesty. He restored the ship and the goods mentioned in a second schedule; those in the first schedule were probably destroyed in the fight or spoiled when she was conquered; those in the third schedule were ordered to be restored if it might appear that they came to the possession of the English. *Inclosed,*

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24. I. *Sentence and schedules above mentioned. The Virgin belonged to Martin Lizard, and was captured by the Thomas and Margaret, Capt. John Prynne. Lat.* [*Attested copy.*]

July 22. Greenwich. 25. Sir Robert Mansell to Sec. Dorchester. Prays him to procure a renewal of Capt. Penn's protection for eight months, by which time he doubts not to compass his debts. Speaks highly in favour of Capt. Penn.

July 22. Chelsea. 26. Katherine Duchess of Buckingham to the same. The late Duke bestowed upon her servant, George Fielding, the office of Registrar of the Admiralty. Of late one Mr. Cottington has used means to obtain a grant of the place, so as to put Fielding from his office or force him to a suit in law. To prevent which he is become a petitioner to the King. Entreats him to second her sister Denbigh in procuring a dispatch of this business.

July 23. Haverfordwest. 27. Justices of Peace for co. Pembroke to the Council. Present to their consideration the dangerous state of that country by reason of the pirates which haunt that coast, and the accession of another imminent peril by the Moors, who have carried captives out of Baltimore. Pray that Milford Haven may be fortified, being a receptacle for all rovers and robbers.

July 23. Westminster. 28. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Is going on Wednesday into Wilts. Shall meet the King at Portsmouth on the 2nd August, and return again to his father's at Winterbourne, within two miles of Salisbury, until the 23rd or 24th August. The Lord Treasurer goes into Hampshire; the Earl of Lindsey into Lincolnshire; the Earl of Dorset into Sussex, and thence into Wales; Lord Dorchester attends the King in the progress; Sec. Coke is gone into Derbyshire until September. Capts. Ketelby and Plumleigh have been ordered to ply for three weeks to the westward, where is store of pirates. Mr. Hawkins, Lord Holland's secretary, is dead. There is nothing yet agreed on concerning the combat between Lord Mackay [Reay] and David Ramsey. Nicholas does not believe our Bishops will ever yield that such combats are lawful by God's word, whatsoever our law is. The Duke of Rohan, taking notice of Pennington's carriage in the business of the ships lent to the French, is very glad that he is again in so good employment. Wishes to hear where he landed the Marquis, and how his forces came to their rendezvous.

July 23. London. 29. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Dorchester. Sends his brother to kiss his hands. Intends to leave London on the morrow. Sends the Sec. his nephew's account, in which he will see that he asserts the writer ought to pay 400*l.* with 175*l.* Will do him all the service possible, but he must content himself with what is reasonable. Fr.

July 23. 30. Certificate of the Under-keeper of the Clink, that Richard Salum [?] removed prisoner from the King's Bench to the Clink,

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and from thence to be transported over sea with others; had ever since suffered from an infirmity, in which he had no ease. [*This was probably attached to a petition of the prisoner to the King, which it is stated in a French minute underwritten, had been given to the Earl of Holland, and by him forgotten in his pocket.*]

July 24. Oatlands. Lease to Richard Heaton, of two-third parts of the lands of Thomas Worsley and Dame Grace Babthorpe, in co. York, due to the King by reason of their recusancy, reserving to the Crown a yearly rent of 106*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 48.]

July 24. Docquet of the same.

July 25. Bagshot. Warrant to allow to Lady Raleigh the interest of 3,000*l.* at eight per cent., received by her out of the impositions upon tobacco, such 3,000*l.* being part of 4,000*l.* advanced by her to his Majesty by way of loan. [*Ibid., No.* 49.]

July 25. Bagshot. Warrant to pay to Herman Bruchart, jeweller, 300*l.* for a ring set with a large square table diamond, sold to his Majesty. [*Ibid., No.* 50.]

July 25. Bagshot. Warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi 2,454*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*, remainder of 15,938*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.*, paid to Daniel Nys, of France, merchant, for pictures and statues bought for his Majesty at Venice, with charges of assurance, freight, and a man, and divers posts sent to Venice. [*Ibid., No.* 51.]

July 25. Bagshot. Warrant to Lord Treasurer Weston and Francis Lord Cottington to cause a grant to be made to William Coryton and Ezekiel Grosse, in consideration of 7,650*l.*, of the demesnes of Goulden *alias* Woolvedon, with the manor of Goulden and others in Cornwall; and a like grant to James Plunkett, in consideration of his charges in discovering his Majesty's title to the premises, of the manor of Degembris and others in the same county, with one-third part of the mesne profits to be recovered from the heirs of Lord and Lady Hunsdon, deceased. [*Ibid., No.* 52.]

July 25. Docquet of the same.

July 25. Bagshot. 31. The King to the Commissioners for compounding with those who should have received Knighthood at the Coronation. Some persons being backward therein, and his Majesty being desirous to reduce them by sweet and gentle means, is pleased once more to renew the Commissions, and requires the Commissioners to let the defaulters know that those who now refuse shall have no other recourse for it but to the Council. [*Copy.*]

July 25. Ragley. 32. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Comments on the agreement with Lord Brooke, for letting the house and park at Ragley. Sends the articles signed by Sir Richard Tracy, that Lords Conway and Brooke may perfect them in London.

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July 25. From his house in London. 33. Sir Robert Ducie, Lord Mayor of London, to Bishop Laud. Sends an idle paper, which being set up in a public place upon a post, was taken down and brought to the Lord Mayor. The offender is a crazy man, at this time much distempered. *Inclosed,*

33. 1. *Paper above alluded to, purporting to be written by Richard Worsley, curate under Mr. Hinshaw, at St. Bartholomew the Less, by West Smithfield. He charges "the upstart boy," Mr. Hinshaw, with being about to bring Popish doctrine into the Church of England, which doctrine the King was a means to bring forward by going into Spain and afterward into France, "like a "young ass," for a wife.*

[July 25.] 34. Statement by Thomas Androes, that the writer of the preceding paper on the 23rd inst. affixed the same to Little St. Bartholomew's gate, and that he, knowing the man to have been often distracted, pulled down the paper before any man read it.

July 25. Oatlands. 35. Deposition of Nicholas Forell, that Richard Crouch coming into the King's Head in New Fish Street, London, on the 18th inst., where deponent and his company were at an arbitration of debts, Crouch said, that the King was indebted, and if he should pay all his debts, he should be as poor a man as any that was there, and would not be worth twopence. [*Copy.*]

July 25. Belhouse. 36. Edward Lord Newburgh to Sec. Dorchester. Lord and Lady Deincourt demur to the signing of the writing which the Sec. sent, because it contains a larger grant and warranty than their interest warrants. Their business will call them up next term, and their counsel will (in their judgment) advise some little alteration. They are excited by the Lady of Devonshire's contracting with Lord Carlisle for their tithe of lead ore, which will make ill affections, like bad spirits, walk between them. [*It appears from the indorsement, that the first part of this letter relates to "ground "at Westminster," probably purchased by the Sec. from Lord and Lady Deincourt.*]

July 26. Oatlands. 37. The King to Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the Admiralty. To determine the cause concerning the Nostra Señora di Rosario before he leaves London this vacation. [*Copy.*]

July 26. Bagshot. The same to John Cooke and Thomasine his wife. Lease of the site of a tenement called Nethercombe, otherwise Eastcombe, in East Greenwich, co. Kent, for the lives of Thomas Cooke, Elizabeth Cooke, and William Cooke, in consideration of a payment of 200*l.* and a rent of 42*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* [*Case B., Car. I., No.* 5.]

[July 26.] 38. Lord Treasurer Weston and Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Attorney General Heath. Send him a copy of a Privy Seal, and request him to pursue the directions therein contained. *Abovewritten,*

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38. 1. *The King to Lord Treasurer Weston and Francis Lord Cottington. To give directions for preparation of grants to William Coryton and Ezekiel Grosse, and also to James Plunkett, of lands in Cornwall. See Sign Man.*, 1631, *July* 31. [*Copy.*]

July 26. The Duchy House. 39. Henry Viscount Falkland to Sec. Dorchester. By Lord Newburgh's command addresses to the Sec. that Lord's letter of the 25th inst. (*No.* 35), and uses the opportunity to press for the dispatch of the Privy Seal, and the King's letter for the performance of the writer's own Star Chamber decree unto the Lords Justices of Ireland, with express directions to assist in the recovery of his damages. Complains of his poverty, and his infelicity in having his mind measured by his means. Begs the postponement of some pecuniary obligation until Michaelmas term.

July 26. Waddesdon. 40. Justices of Peace for co. Bucks to Sir Thomas Hide, the Sheriff. Measures taken for relief of the poor in the three hundreds of Ashendon.

July 27. London. 41. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Dorchester. The bearer has resolved to go to Vienna to solicit the release of Dalbier, if the Sec. will give him a letter to the Ambassador Anstruther. Excitemen in France on the subject of the ship of St. Jean de Luz. A copy of Sir Henry Marten's paper of reasons should be sent to the French Ambassador.

July 28. Docquet of warrant to allow Lady Raleigh sums received on account of the interest of 3,000*l.* (*See Sign Manual*, 1631, *July* 25.)

July 28. The like of warrant to pay to Philip Burlamachi 2,454*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* [*Ibid.*]

July 28. The like of warrant to pay to Herman Bruchart 300*l.* [*Ibid.*]

July 28. Docquet of demise by Lord Treasurer Weston and Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to John Cooke and Thomasine his wife, of Nethercombe, otherwise Eastcombe, in East Greenwich, in Kent, for the lives of Thomas, Elizabeth, and William Cooke. (*See original Indenture of Lease*, 1631, *July* 26.)

July 28. 42. The King to Bishop Williams of Lincoln, Dean of Westminster, Dr. Bryan Duppa, Dean of Christ's Church, Oxford, and Dr. Samuel Brooke, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Dispensation to enable them to keep the election of King's scholars at the College of Westminster on the second Monday in Easter Term instead of on the Monday after the feast of St. Peter and St. Paul. [*Copy.*]

July 28. Docquet of the same.

July 28. 43. Sir Robert Ducie, Lord Mayor, and others of London to the Council. In reply to letter respecting a provision to be made of corn, they think "eight ounces of bread will suffice one body a day,

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" one with another, which will be 15 lbs. per mensem for everyone." Granaries are provided at Bridewell to hold 6,000 quarters; at Bridgehouse, 9,000; at Queenhithe, 1,000. Conceive that 20,000 quarters will be sufficient for a magazine to serve the markets weekly. Every Company takes care for its own proportion. [*Copy.*]

July 28. Rochampton. 44. Lord Treasurer Weston to the Officers of Customs at Plymouth, Yarmouth, Exeter, Poole, and Southampton. Sends them a copy of Order of Council that all herrings from Yarmouth, and pilchards and Newfoundland fish from the western ports, should be exported in English bottoms. Calls upon them to take notice of this order. [*Copy.*] *Beforewritten,*

44. I. *Order of Council above mentioned. Hampton Court,* 1630, *Sept.* 29. [*Copy.*]

July 28. 45. Katherine Duchess of Buckingham to Sec. Dorchester. If Gentileschi could have the money due to him from his Majesty he would leave England, and be gone into his own country. Begs him to move the King thereon, so that the Duchess may have York House free to herself, for want whereof she is constrained to keep a family at Chelsea to look after her laundry. Thanks for his favour to her servant Fielding.

July 28. 46. Bailiff and others of Buckingham to the Sheriff of the county. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within their borough.

July 28. 47. Sir Thomas Cornewall, Justice of Peace for Salop, to Humphrey Walcot, the Sheriff. Certifies measures taken in the hundred of Overs for relief of the poor.

July 29. 48. Lord Treasurer Weston to Attorney General Heath. To prepare a bill for granting to Robert Cæsar the nomination of the first Six Clerk's place which shall fall void after the death of the then Master of the Rolls.

July 29. 49. The same [writing in the name of himself and the Chancellor of the Exchequer] to the same. To prepare a new and enlarged grant to Richard Powney of the seven hundreds of Cookham and Bray, co. Berks, in consideration of a payment of 250*l.*, and the rent he pays under an existing grant. *Abovewritten,*

49. I. *Petition of Richard Powney to the King. His grant as Fee-farmer of the seven hundreds above mentioned being alleged not to include the lands of Simon Wilkes, who has lately committed an inhuman murder, prays a reference to ascertain the fact, and if his grant be deemed defective, prays the King to accept a composition for a new grant. Underwritten,*

49. II. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer to do what they think meet. Oatlands,* 1631, *July* 18.

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July 29. Westminster. 50. Thomas Viscount Wentworth to [Sec. Dorchester]. Recommends Mr. Hughes, his kinsman, for a licence to travel into France.

July 29. 51. Donald Lord Reay to the same. Moneys have come to him from Holland to be employed for the King of Sweden, therefore he prays the Sec. to give a warrant to Sir Thomas Conway to transport 800 men out of England, to serve that King under the writer's command. The warrant for apprehending that woman who calls herself the writer's wife has expired. He has got intelligence where she lives; prays him to write to the Attorney General to give out another warrant.

July 29. Gillmorton. 52. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Goodlaxton.

July 29. Hamburgh. 53. James Harrington, of Hamburgh, merchant, to Richard Meade, of London. Letter of attorney to procure payment of debts due to James Harrington, from William Baker, deceased.

July 29. Hamburgh. 54. Henry Taylor to the same. Similar letter of attorney.

July 29. Hamburgh. 55. Richard Delves to the same. Similar letter of attorney.

July 30. 56. Thomas Coteel, the younger, Sheriff of Hants, to the Council. Wheat has fallen to 5*s.* 6*d.*; barley and malt to 3*s.*; oats to 20*d.*, and the corn on the ground makes show of a plentiful harvest.

July 30. The Duchy House. 57. Henry Earl of Falkland to Sec. Dorchester. The ill success he had yesterday at Roehampton with Mr. Williams, makes him conceive his case worse since the Privy Seal was granted him. Thought he discerned in the Sec.'s expression a nobler apprehension of his distress than any impression of the writer's could make in any other mind. Finds that the consideration of the Privy Seal is his relinquishment of all his claims, and yet he is not likely to receive one penny, either to save his estate or put bread in his mouth, God knows when. Urgently intreats that bread and clothing may be provided for him. Knows his Majesty's truly princely, just, and clement nature to be such that he abhors to have extremities put upon the worst kind of men. It cannot be that he will have the condition of his faithful servant to be made worse. Intreats the Sec. not to suffer that the writer's catastrophe be contempt, disgrace, and misery, which cannot well ensue without some obloquy to his Majesty, and dishonour to the State.

July 30. White Lackington. 58. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff. Report what have been their measures for relief of the poor in the hundred of Abdick and Bulstone.

July 31. Oatlands. Warrant to pay to Henry Viscount Falkland 10,000*l.*, in full satisfaction of divers pretensions as well in the time of King James as of his present Majesty. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 53.]

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July 31. Oatland. Warrant to pay to Anthony Hales, employed with the Duke of Savoy, 150*l.* for extraordinary charges. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 54.]

July 31. Oatlands. Discharge to Sir William Balfour, Lieutenant of the Tower, for 1,000*l.*, received beyond seas of the assigns of Philip Burlamachi, for extraordinary charges in the service wherein he was then employed. [*Ibid., No.* 55.]

July 31. Oatlands. Presentation of George Warburton, A.M., late Dean of Gloucester, to the deanery of Wells, void by decease of the last Dean. [*Ibid., No.* 56.]

July 31. Oatlands. Warrant to pay to William Wade, of Dover, merchant, 295*l.* disbursed by him in 1624 for furnishing the German and English troops under Count Mansfeldt, as appears by certificate of John Dalbier, paymaster of the same. [*Ibid., No.* 57.]

July 31. Oatlands. Grant to John Coplestone and Robert Scawne, nominees of William Coryton and Ezekiel Grosse of the manor of Goulden *alias* Woolvedon in Cornwall, late parcel of the possessions of Francis Trugion, attainted of premunire. Lat. [*Ibid., No.* 58.]

July 31. Docquet of warrant to Henry Earl of Holland. (*See* 1631, *July* 22, *No.* 21.)

July. 59. Petition of the Mayor and others of Harwich to the King. William Innes, their minister, has out of a malicious spirit set on foot suits against the greatest part of the inhabitants of that town, forcing them to forsake their callings and come to London, to the injury of the town, whilst Innes himself in the prosecution of his suits has for six or eight weeks together left the borough destitute of the means of hearing the word of God. Pray reference to the Earls of Warwick and Rivers, Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Sir Thomas Bowes, Sir John Barker, and Dr. Aylett. *Underwritten,*

59. I. *The reference desired.* 1631, *July.*

[July ?] 60. Petition of the Catholics, his Majesty's loyal subjects, to the King. By colour of commissions to pursuivants many of his Majesty's most loyal subjects are grievously vexed through the extortion which those mean and vicious officers exercise upon them, to their great impoverishing, whereby they are disabled from making other payments to which they are condemned by law. Beseech the King, for the honour of his good and gracious times, to call in commissions to pursuivants, and that none be issued but by the Council, or executed but in the presence of a Justice of Peace.

July. 61. The Lord Mayor of London (Sir Robert Ducie) to the Council. Sends account of such corn as the Companies of London have in store in their granaries for supplying the markets of the City at under rates for the poor.

July. 62. Petition of James Clarke to the same. Has been five weeks in the custody of a messenger. The term is now at Ludlow, where

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he practices as a counsellor at law. He is also bound for a payment which he must forfeit if detained. Prays discharge and the appointment of a day for his appearance next term or remittal of his cause to the Council in the Marches of Wales.

July? 63. Petition of Michael Donivide [Donnevide], Frenchman, to the Council. Was committed to the Fleet four years ago for sending gunmakers into France, whereof he was not guilty. About two years past he was ordered to be released, but could take no benefit thereof, being unable to pay his charges in the Fleet. Confesses the great goodness to him of the Warden, but prays that he may be permitted to depart to his own country.

July. 64. Petition of Cuthbert Farlow, Elizabeth Harper, Edward Sheldon, and John Davis, poor tradesmen of London, to the Lords of the Admiralty. About seven months ago petitioners became suitors for payment for clothes and shoes for seamen for the late Rochelle voyage. Their petition was referred to the Officers of the Navy. Pray order for present payment of 180*l.*, the amount of their bills.

[July?] 65. Katherine Duchess Dowager of Lennox to Sec. Dorchester. Has heard by Mrs. Saccefilde [Sackville?], who is now come out of France, that honest Mr. Daceres [Dacres?] is most dangerously sick, if alive, and that the plague is extreme at Blois. Is afflicted for her son and the poor gentleman. Wishes to know if he has heard from thence.

[July?] 66. Philip Burlamachi to the same. Is at last setting out. The greatest difficulty he apprehends is from the sentence respecting the Virgin, which he is told puts the French upon a new process, instead of adjudging them their goods, and condemning the captors to give satisfaction. Begs him to write to Sir Henry Marten so to manage the matter that the French people who are interested in it may come to a reasonable settlement.

[July?] 67. Alexander Glen to the same. Being ready to go with the Marquis [of Hamilton], but in debt through long attendance, his creditors arrested his trunks and clothes. He went to Lady Dembje [Denbigh], and she delivered his petition to the King for some money out of the privy purse. The King said he had given him too much already, in a grant of 1,000 acres in the first plantation in Ireland. But his creditors will not release him without a more ample reference. Begs the Sec. to procure him the same.

[July?] 68. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Bucks. There are 1,704 quarters of wheat in the three hundreds of Newport Pagnell. The price is lately much abated.

[July?] 69. Abstract of returns made by Churchwardens and others of the half hundred of Braughin, co. Herts, to the Justices of Peace of that division, on the 1st May, 30th May, and 27th June 1631.

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1631. July. 70. Account of receipts at the Signet Office for the present month.

July 71. Account of the charge of fitting out the Exchange, the St. Peter, and the Samuel, for a merchant's voyage for plantation, by William Clobery, of London, merchant, which ships were afterwards impressed for the expedition to Rochelle. Total, 3,832*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.*

July. 72. Statements of Daniel Biat, Clement Shelley, and Vincent Corke, in explanation of the way in which petitions of the Weavers and Spinsters of Sudbury to the Council against the Saymakers of that town had been got up.

[July ?] 73. Report of Sec. Dorchester, Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Francis Lord Cottington, and Sec. Coke, to the King, on the grant made to the Earl of Lindsey, of the Forest of Shotover and Stowwood. I. The grant was made by the information of Robert Treswell. II. It is necessary for the use of the Navy that this forest and wood should remain in the King's hand; and III. Their destruction will be a great blemish and misfortune to Oxford. IV. The marking of trees has been made with great disadvantage to the King. Recommend that 4,200*l.* should be paid the Earl, and that he should surrender his grant.

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Aug. 1. 1. Petition of George Cadman, Master Gunner of the Mary Rose, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Being afflicted with dimness of sight, prays them to appoint Martin Cotes in his place. *Annexed,*

1. I. *The above petitioner to Martin Cotes. Assignment of his Master-gunnership.* 1631, *August* 1.

Aug. 1. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. 2. Dr. Henry Butts to Sec. Dorchester. States contents of his letter to Mary Dashfield, mother of John Dashfield (*Vol.* cxcvii., *No.* 11.) The latter contracted his debts at his going over to the Isle of Rhé, for books, apparel, and other necessaries. Haply he might have been more provident, but he is a young man, and his sufferings have taught him moderation. Recommends the Sec. to procure his release.

Aug. 1. Bristol. 3. Bishop Wright, of Bristol, to the same. Excuses his non-attendance upon the Sec. at Sunning. Has, on his command, instituted Mr. Glemham, although by law incapable, "to the peer of his "bishopric, the parsonage of Symondsbury." Thanks the Sec. and Lady Beauchamp for this great addition to the despised clergy of his diocese. If the Bishop's worthless name be remembered in these removes, it will exceedingly grace and comfort him.

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Aug. 1. Taunton. 4. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to [Sir Francis Dodington, the Sheriff]. The prices of corn have somewhat abated in the market of that division, and although the same have again risen for a market or two during harvest, they doubt not the markets will henceforth be supplied with a larger store.

Aug. 1. Taunton. 5. Mayor and another of Taunton to the same. Certificate of prices of corn in that borough.

Aug. 1. 6. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Francis Bradshaw, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for the relief of the poor within the hundred of Appletree.

Aug. 2. Office of Ordnance. 7. List of Ordnance appointed to the Triumph, Swiftsure, St. George, St. Andrew, Warspite, Third Lion's Whelp, Eighth Lion's Whelp, the Maria, and the Esperance, now in Portsmouth harbour.

Aug. 2. 8. Another list, containing the totals only of the preceding.

Aug. 3. Duchy House. 9. Henry Earl of Falkland to Sec. Dorchester. Since he waited upon the Sec. last, has lain there concealed, and denied himself to all the world, which he never did before and hopes never to do more, if the Sec. will give his present business dispatch. Sends his case and petition, not put in form, because he well knows his Majesty seldom reads them, but trusts to the Sec.'s relation; also a minute of a desired letter to the Lord Keeper. If he can incline his Majesty to the writer's receiving his 10,000*l.* from Mr. Williams's fine for the Irish Customs, he will endeavour to obtain the Lord Treasurer's consent. Mr. Marshall the Scot is labouring through Mr. Maxwell to renew his suit for the Clerkship of the Council in Ireland, to the prejudice of Sir William Uscher and Paul Davies.

Aug. 3. 10. Robert Earl of Warwick to Sir William Becher. Sends [copy] return from the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex of defaulters at musters. Prays that some course may be taken with them. *Inclosed,*

10. I. *Copy return of defaulters above mentioned.*

Aug. 3. 11. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to Sir John Boteler, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor taken within the hundred of Broadwater and half hundred of Hitchen.

Aug. 4. Farnham. 12. Sec. Dorchester to Lord Treasurer Weston. Forwards Gerbier's packet sent by his express. Lord Falkland being a prisoner in the Duchy House, has written to move his Majesty for a certain assignment of his 10,000*l.*, but the Sec. forbears till he knows whether the Lord Treasurer thinks it fit to have his Majesty moved. Falkland's necessities are far from being counterfeit, and if the Lord Treasurer can do what he desires, it will be a work of honour to preserve him from ruin. His Majesty came in last night by torchlight, and is gone abroad that morning by daylight. [*Copy.*]

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Aug. 4. 13. Attorney General Heath to Sec. Dorchester. Sends a book for the inclosure of certain lands, part of the forest of Roche, to be presented to the King for his signature, although the Lord Treasurer's mark be not to it, it having been prepared by his warrant. [*Very much damaged.*]

Aug. 4. 14. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to Sir John Boteler, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Dacorum.

Aug. 5. 15. Lord Treasurer Weston to Sec. Dorchester. Could take it very unkindly of Lord Falkland to press payment after so clear a declaration of his Majesty's grace to him, and that his Majesty expected he should not press for it till the present occasions were provided for, and the writer's promise that in the winter he would find means to give him contentment. No favours can oblige or satisfy some men. The moneys for the Irish farm were assigned long ago. The French money, if it come, will enable the writer to satisfy Lord Falkland and many other occasions, of which Lord Cottington will speak to the Sec. on Sunday. If anything be to be done for the present, it must be by the Lord Keeper with Williams to stay till these moneys come in.

Aug. 5. 16. Attorney General Heath to the same. On the request of Lord Falkland, certifies that his desire to have an extent against the lands of Sir Arthur Savage, in Ireland, is just and agreeable to honour and justice. [*Very much damaged.*]

Aug. 5. 17. Examination of Richard Worsley, Curate of St. Bartholomew-the-Less, taken before Bishop Laud. Avows that he wrote and set up the paper mentioned in *Vol.* cxcvii., *No.* 33. He is zealous for God's glory, and would give his life for the King, but for that which he had written, must leave himself to the judgment of the civil magistrate. His wife being present, protested that he had been distracted several times for about five years past.

Aug. 6. Harefield. 18. Alice Countess of Derby to Sec. Dorchester. Unless the King's mercy may be obtained for the dowager Lady Castlehaven and her daughter, they are left most miserable: the mother, by secret conveyance of the late Earl, and by wasting the estate she had from Lord Chandos, her former husband; the writer's grandchild by being left by her husband without comfort or any estate at all. Intreats him to move his Majesty to extend his favour to them. Her cousin, Thomas Carey, has promised his best endeavour.

Aug. 6. 19. Donald Lord Reay to the same. It is necessary for the King of Sweden's service that Sir Thomas Conway should have his warrant for his levies. As the writer cannot go over at that time, he has disponed his regiment to Sir Thomas.

Aug. 6. The Tower, London. 20. The same to the same. Wrote that day by Sir Thomas Conway, desiring the dispatch of the warrant for his levy, but since Sir Thomas was with him, Sir Pierce Crosby informs him that he is

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to go on, and to have his warrant renewed for levies in Ireland. Only 7,000 rix-dollars have yet come over, which will serve but for one of them. Sir Pierce is to go farthest to raise his levies (three regiments), therefore it is best for him to have the money already received, and the writer will send over to Holland to expedite the 6,000 rix-dollars that remain for Sir Thomas.

Aug. 6. Wanstead. 21. Sir Henry Mildmay to Sec. Dorchester. Capt. Dymes having procured from the King an order that he should have the guardianship of Dr. Bankworth, if he proved to be a lunatic, the Master of the Court of Wards attended his Majesty, and acquainted him that by law no profit ought to be made out of a lunatic's estate, and that his Majesty had only the protection of such, and that the writer being a very near neighbour to the doctor, out of a care to keep him out of dangerous hands, was the first that petitioned, wherefore it could not be granted from the writer without much disgrace and wrong to him and breach of the King's instructions to that Court. Being now about to petition for this custody, begs him to put the King in mind of these former proceedings.

Aug. 8. Whitehall. 22. Separate depositions of Abraham Biggs and Henry Futter, that they, riding post from Portsmouth, authorized by warrant from Lord Stanhope, together with John Whistler, a servant of Sec. Dorchester, stayed three horses, found by them at the Bush Inn, at Farnham, which horses were afterwards violently taken away from them. [*Copy. Indorsed, "For Mr. Trumbull to peruse."*]

Aug. 8. Meavy. 23. Sir Francis Drake and Sir William Strode to the Council. According to their command, went to Fitzford, the seat of Sir Richard Grenville, and there took the examinations inclosed. The business concerning the goldsmith had by some means been made known. They searched the house, and all trunks and cabinets, but discovered nothing tending to the directions, save divers files, one of which had been used on yellow metal. Mrs. Abbott said that Sir Richard used it to make pins for watches or tags for points. *Inclosed,*

23. I. *Separate examinations of Robert Wills, Katherine Abbott, and Thomas Stanbery. Wills deposed to having made an experiment in melting old silver lace on his own account. Abbott deposed apparently to the same melting by Wills, but described it as done on her solicitation, and on her account. All of them denied that they ever saw any instruments for clipping or filing coin.*

Aug. 9. 24. Donald Lord Reay to Sec. Dorchester. Sir Pierce Crosby is gone to Court again, thinking to get warrant for his levies, but the writer perceives that, besides the warrant, Sir Arthur Forbes must have surety for performance. Begs him to make an end either with Sir Pierce or Sir Thomas Conway. The writer shall deliver the money to him who first brings a warrant.

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Aug. 10. 25. Sec. Dorchester to Donald Lord Reay. Makes no doubt that when the King shall return from Woodstock, Sir Thomas Conway will have a warrant. For Sir Pierce Crosby's levies, for some reasons best known to his Majesty, it pleased him to lay by all consideration of them for this time. This was resolved at Oatlands. Sir Pierce will do well to cease troubling his Majesty. The writer's Sec. will have given Lord Reay a letter to the Attorney General about search after the woman mentioned by him. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 10. Canbury. 26. [Lord Keeper Coventry] to Sec. Dorchester. Yesterday the Lieutenant of the To[wer brought him a letter with] his Majesty's warrants conce[rning the releasing upon bail of the] prisoners in his custody. Accordingly he had taken the bonds of the Earls of Roxburgh and Buccleugh, [the Earl of] Abercorn being not yet come. Had received a letter from his Majesty about a difference between Lord Falkland and Mr. John Williams; hopes to conclude the matter to his Lordship's good contentment. [*Very much mutilated.*]

Aug. 10. 27. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to Sir John Boteler, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Hertford.

Aug. 11. Easthampstead Park. 28. William Trumbull to ——. In obedience to a command of the Council, had repaired to Farnham, and had investigated the circumstances mentioned in the depositions of Biggs and Futter (*No.* 22.) The principal offender turned out to be one Pocock, of Hawkley, in Selborne. Has sent a warrant for him in the form inclosed. *Inclosed,*

28. 1. *William Trumbull to David Stott, one of the Messengers of the Chamber. Warrant to apprehend* [*Philip*] *Pocock above mentioned, so that he may make his present repair to the Council Chamber at Whitehall, to answer matters objected against him. Farnham,* 1631, *Aug.* 10. [*Copy.*]

Aug. $\frac{12.}{22.}$ Saumur. 29. Edward Dacres to Sec. Dorchester. Blois and Tours were not to be endured by the Duke of Lennox on account of the plague. They came to Saumur to pass the dog days, and are now leaving, intending to follow his directions, and winter in Spain. They hope to find Henry Davis at Bordeaux, and to take him with them.

Aug. 12. 30. Justices of Peace for co. Herts. to Sir John Boteler, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Cashio.

Aug. 13. Drury Lane. 31. Sir Thomas Conway to Sec. Dorchester. If any one shall come to his Majesty to procure an employment by the moneys appointed to the merchants here, the writer begs that he, giving good security for the performance of the work, for recruiting Lord Reay's regiment in the service of the King of Sweden, may be preferred.

Aug. 13. 32. Attorney General Heath to the same. This good old Knight, Sir Thomas Phillips, who is very zealous for the King's service, has

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received his last dispatches from the Attorney General, and is now going to Ireland for the King's business with the City of London. He wants some things under the King's own hand. Prays that his suit may be furthered with all convenient speed.

Aug. 13. 33. Presentments made to Justices of Peace for co. Cornwall, of penalties and forfeitures inflicted upon disordered persons of Liskeard, St. Neot, St. Kayne, and six other parishes within the hundred of West. Underwritten are similar presentments, made 29 October 1631.

Aug. 13. 34. Note of some legal process against [Henry] Lort, of Stackpoole, co. Pembroke, to answer to Peter Rono, otherwise Reynolds, owner of the Elizabeth, of Minehead.

Aug. 14. Bulwich. 35. Sir Thomas Roe to Sec. Dorchester. Shall not return to London until he has planted an orchard of which he may hope to gather the fruit. It is written to him that an Ambassador is shipped from Dantzic who has opposed the merchants' suit for an abrogation of the sealing of cloth, on the ground that it was Roe only who prosecuted the abrogation, and that the King respected it not. Appeals to the Sec., that the writer received the command in his instructions. The Dantzickers know that he refused 1,000 ducats in gold. States fully the case of the merchants, who seek free trade and liberty to go where they find the best market, and not to be tied to Dantzic, Elbing, or any other place.

Aug. 14. Nonsuch. 36. James Earl of Carlisle to Attorney General Heath. It is the King's pleasure that he should prepare a licence to the Earl of Leicester to build, upon a piece of ground called Swan Close, in St. Martin's in the Fields, a house convenient for his habitation.

Aug. 16. Glastonbury. 37. Deposition of Thomas Powlett, of Budleigh, co. Somerset, that in the course of a conversation with reference to the division of "the Moor," one Edmund Callow declared that the King went about to undo his kingdom, and being sharply rebuked for it his answer was, "Why so he doth."

Aug 17. Greenwich. 38. Donald Lord Reay to Sec. Dorchester. Fragment of a letter which seems to have mainly related to the refusal to allow Sir Pierce Crosby to levy troops in Ireland. The writer urged the renewal of the permission once given for that purpose.

Aug. 17. 39. Justices of Peace for co. Herts. to the Council. Certificate of measures taken to keep down the price of corn within the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey, with a statement of the last prices in Royston market.

Aug. 17. 40. The same to the same. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor within the same hundreds.

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Aug. 18. Woodstock. 41. The King to Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Edward Viscount Wimbledon, Sec. Dorchester, Henry Viscount Falkland, and Sir Thomas Edmondes. The Commissioners appointed last year for viewing the Thames from Staines downwards, having proceeded with good success, they are to continue the same course from Staines to Oxford. Calling to their assistance the Surveyor General of the works, they are to visit the river, and consult how abuses in fishing and impediments of the navigation may be removed, especially between Burcot and Oxford.

Aug. 18. Canbury. 42. [Lord Keeper Coventry] to Sec. Dorchester. Fragment of a letter. He had given directions to the Attorney General to prepare a Commission concerning Archery, and had received the Sec.'s letter respecting a grant to Sir Andrew Gray.

Aug. 18. Westminster. 43. Capt. Alexander Stewart to the same. Hears that Colonel Leslie that came from Russia is in Holland, and has sent over one here with a letter to his Majesty, to make way for levying men here for the Emperor's service. However it may please his Majesty to favour the Emperor, the seditious carriage of Colonel Leslie with the merchants in Russia, has been such that he has not deserved any favour. Sec. Coke has heard so much from Sir John Meyrick and the writer. He should be drawn over by some fair means that he might answer to what may be said against him.

Aug. 18. Rainham. 44. George Cadman to Nicholas, or in his absence to Mr. King. Understands that Mr. Cotes means not to act fairly by him in reference to his place of master gunner (*see No.* 1.) Solicits now on behalf of a neighbour's son, who will be as thankful to Nicholas as any other man. Wishes his acknowledgment to Cotes to be returned to him by the bearer.

Aug. 18. 45. George Rawdon, of London, gent., to Thomas Vyner, goldsmith. Bargain and sale of various dishes, cups, and other articles of silver plate in consideration of 100*l.*, with proviso for redemption on payment of 104*l.*, on 20 February next, at the house of Thomas Vyner in Lombard Street. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 19. Woodstock. 46. Sec. Dorchester to Sir Thomas Roe. Thanks for his information respecting the state of the merchants' business. Will make use of it when the merchants appear. The Chancellor of Sweden terms Roe "*auctor et impulsor*" of his master's undertakings in Germany, a title which he has no reason to decline. How affairs go with that King he will see by an abstract of a letter inclosed. The Polish Ambassador is in Holland fitting himself with liveries for his appearance in this Court.

Aug. 19. Deane's Hall. 47. Anne Lady Deane to Sir Henry Vane. Sends her son to accompany him in his embassy. Intreats him to look upon him with friendly regard in his first entrance into the world.

Aug. 19. Welsborne. 48. Justices of Peace for co. Warwick to William Purefoy, the Sheriff. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor in the

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hundred of Kington. Paucity of alehouses in their division, which are the true nurseries of almost all the disorders pointed at in the Book of Orders, gives them little to certify. Subterfuges of recusants to avoid the levy of fines for absence from their parish churches.

Aug. 20. Melville. 49. J. L. Rose to Sec. Dorchester. Courtesies shown to him by the Sec. at Venice, and favour done to the bearer, the writer's cousin, induce the writer to offer his services.

Aug. 20. London Bridge. 50. Robert Olbolston to his brother-in-law, Sir Francis Nethersole. Their brother William Nethersole was taken sick of an ague on the 8th inst. He consulted with Drs. Rand and Clarke; on the 17th he made his will, dividing his estate between his wife and daughter, and died on the day following. Dr. Burgess attended him for his spiritual consolation. His very sorrowful widow has entreated the writer to assist her in the management of his estate, which he fears will be very mean. Wishes Sir Francis to persuade their uncle Willford to be liberal to her; mentions the widow's father and their brother Tyll.

Aug. 20. Bullock Smithy. 51. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Chester of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Macclesfield.

Aug. 22. 52. Madame Riolant to the Queen. Solicits a passport for Dr. Riolant, principal physician of the Queen's mother, for his wife and two children to return to France. Fr. *Underwritten,*

52. 1. *Robert Reade to* [*Francis Windebank?*] *The Sec. desires him to prepare the solicited pass. Drury Lane,* 1631, *Aug.* 22.

Aug. 23. Woodstock. Proclamation for revoking the Commission concerning Archery. The King on 4th April 1628 granted a Commission to Timothy Taylor, John Hobart, Henry Hobart, and Jeffrey Le Neve, to quicken the execution of a statute of 33 Henry VIII. for encouraging the use of archery, but being informed of exactions and abuses committed under colour of that Commission, he recalls the same. [*Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 145.]

Aug. 23. 53. Minutes by Sec. Dorchester of what was resolved by his Majesty in Council at Woodstock in various causes relating to the University of Oxford. In Forde's case it was ordered that no preacher should refuse to deliver to the Vice-Chancellor a copy of any sermon preached within the University, upon oath; in Thorne's case it was ordered that a party directed by the Vice-Chancellor to be imprisoned should yield obedience, notwithstanding any appeal. The other cases were those of Hide, of Christchurch; Hill, of Brasenose; and Hodges, of Exeter, condemned for a factious sermon against his Majesty's declaration. The two proctors were ordered *cedere ab officio* for receiving Thorne's appeal; Dr. Wilkinson was called in question for supporting Forde, and Dr. Prideaux for various supposed negligences. [*Draft.*]

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Aug. 23. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. 54. Dr. Henry Butts, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge, to Sec. Dorchester. Delivered the prisoner before the Sec.'s letters came to hand, engaging himself for his debts. Has received from Lucas, Lord Dorchester's secretary, bills of exchange for 20*l.*, given by his Majesty for Mr. Dashfield's redemption.

Aug. 23. London. 55. Sir William Becher to Attorney General Heath. Incloses a proclamation sent from the Court ready signed. It was not drawn by any of the King's learned counsel, and the Council do not approve the style and phrase. He is to draw a proclamation in substance according to this, commanding the return of Mr. Apsley, with the injunction to all officers to apprehend him. The draft is to be taken to the Lord Keeper for his approval.

Aug. 23. 56. Justices of Peace for co. Chester to the Council. Certify their proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundred of Broxton.

Aug. 24. 57. Petition of William Hodges, M.A., to the King. By the King's just censure petitioner is banished the University, his fellowship in Exeter College lost, his office and scholars taken from him, and all this by his inconsiderate folly. Professes penitence, and prays the King to change the nature of his punishment.

Aug. 24. 58. Petition of the same to Bishop Laud. On examination of the first sermon he ever preached in St. Mary's, he was found to have offended against his Majesty's declaration, and doomed to be banished the University. Prays the Bishop to intercede with his Majesty for a young man whom age may make wiser.

Aug. 25. Dartmouth. 59. Mayor and others of Dartmouth to the Council. In obedience to their letters of 28 July have sent William Plumleigh to offer to their consideration the manifold inconveniences which will grow to many thousands in the western parts interested in the trade of Spain and Portugal, if the desired charter should be granted to the Londoners under pretence of regulating disorders in that trade, but aiming at nothing more than their private gain.

Aug. 25. Southenand. [South Annan?] 60. Hugh Lord Sempill to Sec. Dorchester. Thanks for favours to his cousin, Capt. Sempill, and professions of devotion.

Aug. 25. 61. Receipt of Dr. William Juxon for 400*l.*, paid by Bishop Laud towards his building in St. John's College, Oxford.

Aug. 25. 62. Certificate of muster of the trained bands of Bristol, three companies each, consisting of 100 private men and six officers.

Aug. 26. 63. The King to the Vice-Chancellor of Oxford. Thomas Forde, of Magdalen Hall; Giles Thorne, of Balliol College; and William Hodges, of Exeter College, are to be banished the University; the proctors are to resign, and their two colleges to elect others for the rest of the year; Francis Hide, of Christchurch, and Richard Hill, of

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Brasenose, are to be proceeded against on their return to the University. Rules are laid down in conformity with the Sec.'s minutes of the 23rd inst. (*No.* 53), and the delegates who are in hand with the statutes are to make all speed they possibly can, but are immediately to prepare two statutes for causes of appeal and one for the weekly meeting every Monday of the Heads of Colleges to consider of the peace and government of the University. [*Copy. It is stated in the indorsement that with the original was to be delivered an intimation of a quo warranto.*]

Aug. 26. 64. Draft of the preceding letter. It was originally drawn by Bishop Laud's secretary, and was intended to be written by Sec. Dorchester, but was altered into the name of his Majesty. This draft consists of Bishop Laud's form, the additions made by Sec. Dorchester, and an indorsement which explains the various alterations.

Aug. 26. Whitehall. 65. The Council to Sec. Dorchester. They have been made acquainted by Sir John Wolstenholme that 200 English mariners are lately come to Dunkirk, to serve there, and that an English mariner is come over to procure others for that service. They have given warrant to stay the said mariner, and recommend him to acquaint his Majesty, and to signify to them his pleasure as to what further directions they shall give.

Aug. 26. 66. Attorney General Heath to the same. Explains the nature of a warrant or sign manual, prepared in relation to lands sold by Alderman Freeman to Sir [William Russell], Treasurer of the Navy. [*Very much mutilated.*]

Aug. 26. Wadham College. 67. Dr. William Smith, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford, to the same. Has called a convocation for that morning. Does not expect the proctors will dine proctors that day. Will proceed with the bannitions. If there is any defect in obedience to the King's commands, will give him an account with the soonest he can. [*Very much mutilated.*]

Aug. 26. Gillmorton. 68. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate of execution of laws for the relief of the poor within the hundred of Goodlaxton.

Aug. 27. 69. Bishop Laud to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. Certifies his favourable knowledge of Dr. Higges, who was bred in the same college with the writer. Will give him direction and assistance respecting the church of St. David's, and the rather for his time spent in the Queen's service. [*Copy.*]

Aug. 27. Canbury. 70. Attested copy of record of Letters Patent, whereby the King appointed his chaplain, Accepted Frewen, to be Dean of Gloucester.

Aug. 27. Canbury. 71. The King to the Chapter and Prebendaries of Gloucester. To instal Accepted Frewen as Dean of that Cathedral. [*Attested copy of Record.*]

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Aug. 27. 72. Mayor and others of Bridgewater to the Sheriff of co. Somerset. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor.

Aug. 28. Stokes Bay. 73. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reports a cruise in the St. Claude to the westward, as far as Scilly, in search of Turks and pirates. Found those parts well guarded with eight sail of States' ships-of-war, who had plied off and on there almost four months, to attend the coming of ships from the Groyne with troops for Flanders. Could not learn of any Turks being in those parts since they were in Ireland. Will expect further commands in the Downs.

Aug. 28. Suffolk House. 74. Theophilus Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Dorchester. A hoy of London, laden with slates, was taken by a Dunkirker, who was returning thither when a Holland man-of-war gave chase. He forewent his prize, and ran himself on shore at the pier head at Dover. The captain and some English who served him are detained in the castle, and his ship in the harbour. The Earl's Lieutenant also sent him the inclosed papers. Begs to know what course is to be taken. *Inclosed,*

74. I. *Affidavit of Aucke Hayes, Capt. of the Revenge, of Amsterdam, of the circumstances under which his ship, the Revenge, of Amsterdam, was run ashore by a pilot, near Portsmouth, and the proceedings taken in consequence.* 1631, *Jan.* 2. [*Certified translation from the Dutch.*]

74. II. *Affidavit of the officers of Capt. Aucke Hayes that the Revenge above mentioned was wilfully run aground by the pilot.* 1630, *Nov.* 3. [*Certified in the same manner as the preceding. It may be doubted whether these are the papers originally inclosed by the Earl of Suffolk. Both of them as well as the Earl's letter have been much damaged by damp.*]

Aug. 29. The Antelope, in Stokes Bay. 75. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. The western coast being clear of Turks or pirates, he has put into Portsmouth, where he has taken in a month's provisions, and is about to repair to the Downs for two months more. The Newfoundland fleet is looked for home about the middle of September. There has been a French man-of-war about Plymouth, looking what preparations we make. On Friday last, two Hollanders stole away from under Cowes Castle a small Dunkirker from St. Lucar, laden with salt, oil, and wine, but having in her two boxes of diamonds, and ready money of the value of 50,000*l.* Certainly she was betrayed by her own company. Desires to hear what the Lords intend doing with him.

Aug. 29. Littleton. 76. Frances Duchess of Richmond and Lennox to Sec. Dorchester. Apologises for not seeing a gentlemen of his on account of the distemper that heat had put her into. She had in truth made her quite unready, and would have frighted any young man to have looked

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upon her, an old desolate, the most unfortunate of widows. Sir Richard Young will discharge her debt to his secretaries. Wishes a copy of Lord Poulett's letter. Hoping their Majesties would have returned back to Oatlands, she is at Littleton for some few hours.

Aug. 30. 77. Henry Glemham to Sec. Dorchester. Dorchester's goodness to him having gone far beyond all words, he will strive to reach the desert of his favour by his prayers, the only riches of a churchman. His father and lady remember respect and service.

Aug. 31. Whitehall. 78. The Council to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk. To cause Matthew de Calente, captain of the Dunkirker who piratically took an English hoy, and afterwards run himself aground at Dover, to be proceeded against, with the rest of his equipage, criminally as pirates. [*This letter has been cancelled after signature by lines being drawn across it.*]

Aug. 31. The Downs. 79. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Has received his provisions, and is ready for employment. The St. Claude is still at Portsmouth. Has examined the matter about the surprisal of the ship at Cowes, but finds no good ground to affirm it. No news of the Bonaventure.

Aug. 31. Office of Ordnance. 80. Officers of the Ordnance to the same. As winter draws on, conceive the ordnance for the Convertive, and other spare ordnance lying at Portsmouth, should be brought from thence. Suggest that a ship should be taken up for the service.

Aug. 31. 81. Certificate of Phineas Pett, Sir Kenelm Digby, and others, that James Cooke, boatswain of the Moon, is sufficient man for boatswain of a better ship.

Aug. 31. 82. Justices of Peace of co. Salop to Humphrey Walcot, the Sheriff. Report measures taken for relief of the poor within the south part of the hundred of Bradford.

[Aug. ?] 83. The King to Attorney General Heath. To prepare confirmation of grant made by the late Duke of Buckingham to George Fielding of the office of Registrar of the Court of Admiralty. [*Date not filled up, unsigned, and struck through as if intended to be cancelled.*]

Aug. 84. List of ships of the French navy at various enumerated ports of France, with the condition of each vessel.

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Sept. 1. Westminster. 1. The King to Helen Wolseley, widow, and Richard Wolseley. Licence to alien the manor of Ravenston, *otherwise* Raunston, cos. Derby and Leicester, to William Greisley and George Greisley to the use of the said Helen Wolseley.

Sept. 1. The Downs. 2. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to Nicholas. Contradicts the report that two Holland ships had taken from under Cowes Castle a vessel of Dantzic bound for Dunkirk. She was taken without St. Helen's Point, and the skipper and the Hollanders were well agreed on the business. Has written to Sir Sampson Darrell that he is waiting the remainder of his three months' provisions.

Sept. 1. 3. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Francis Bradshaw, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Appletree.

Sept. 2. The Antelope, in the Downs. 4. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty. Received letter from the Farmers of the Customs, with a copy of a warrant directed to Capt. Pennington for stay of merchant ships who take in foreign goods laden in vessels out of Holland or other parts, whereby his Majesty is defeated of his customs. Has accordingly stayed the Lily, of London, master one John Corditt, bound for the Canaries. They storm much at the stay, and refuse to pay any custom, as a thing unheard of. The practice is common; desires to know how they are to be dealt with. Requests 14 days' leave of absence for recovery of his health. Capt. Pennington came in last night.

Sept. 2. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 5. Capt. John Pennington to the same. Reports that he left Lee on the 17th July, and on the 18th anchored before Yarmouth, arriving there at the same instant as the Scots ships coming with further troops from the North. On the 19th the whole fleet of 38 sail sailed for the Sound; and on the 2nd and 3rd he landed all the soldiers, which were near 6,000, in the neighbourhood of Wolgast. On the 5th the Marquis of Hamilton left his ship. On the 7th Pennington sailed on his return. Sir James Ramsey came in very fortunately with victuals for the soldiers, sent after the Marquis by Capt. Duppa. The King of Sweden is on the Elbe, and it was said that he and Tilly had agreed to "try it out by a pitched battle" on 24 August. After being delayed by contrary winds and leaks in the ketch and the Henrietta, they came to an anchor in the Downs last night. Has sent his purser up about supply of victuals.

Sept. 2. The same. 6. The same to Nicholas. Refers to the preceding letter for particulars. The Marquis greatly commends Nicholas's abilities and honesty. He is a brave gentleman. Left him in a base ruinated country. Begs to hear from him and have his helping hand in procuring victuals immediately.

Sept. 2. The same. 7. The same to Sec. Dorchester. Similar letter in substance to Pennington's letter of this date to the Lords of the Admiralty, calendared above, *No.* 5.

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Sept. 2. Taunton. 8. Mayor and another of Taunton to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Return of the price of corn within that borough.

Sept. 2. 9. Note by Stephen Alcock of the period for which the ships in the Narrow Seas were victualled.

Sept. 3. 10. Phineas Pett to Nicholas. Sends certificate of sufficiency of William Stonehouse, which he is requested to accept in lieu of one by the Officers of the Navy, who are all absent. *Inclosed,*

10. I. *Certificate of William Cooke, and seven others, addressed to the Officers of the Navy, that William Stonehouse, servant to Edward Monox, Deputy Clerk of the Cheque, at Chatham, is competent to fill the place of purser of the Adventure, vacant by death of John Jackson.*

Sept. 5. Whitehall. 11. Petition of inhabitants of Woolwich to the Lords of the Admiralty. The highway leading from Woolwich to East Greenwich being much decayed, so that the foundation of the parish church is thereby in danger, and petitioners being too poor to repair the same, they petitioned the Judge of Assize for relief from part of the county, who on consideration of the certificate annexed recommended the same to the Commissioners for repair of the highways within the same county. Pray the Lords to recommend their suit to the Commissioners. *Annexed,*

11. I. *Certificate of Bishop Bowle, of Rochester, and two others, that the Thames was eating in upon the highway, and churchway, and churchyard of Woolwich. Woolwich,* 1631, *July* 18. *Underwritten,*

11. II. *Recommendation of the Lords of the Admiralty to the Commissioners of Highways to take order in so good a work. Whitehall,* 1631, *Sept.* 5.

Sept. 5. Whitehall. 12. Sec. Dorchester to Capt. John Pennington. His letter of the 2nd was very welcome to his Majesty, who had before heard nothing but in general. Congratulates Pennington on the good fortune of his passage and return, and the honour done to his Majesty's ships in showing them to those remote parts where they had not been seen before, and who by this experience may know they are not without reach of his Majesty's forces, whensoever he shall be pleased to employ them for their good or harm.

Sept. 5. Beaulieu. 13. Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery to Sec. Dorchester. Would have been glad to see the Sec. and his lady in those parts. Thanks for his good news of the King of Sweden's good success.

Sept. 5. Christ Church, Oxford. 14. Dr. Bryan Duppa to the same, at his house in the College of Westminster. On Willoughby's report has forborne to write to Lord Say, it appearing that by that Lord's assistance the slackness of the county had been overcome.

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Sept. 5. 15. Extraordinary stages for posts laid by John Wytton, Deputy Postmaster of the Court, for conveying packets during his Majesty's continuance abroad this summer. The account shows at what places the King stayed, and how long, from 12 July to 26 August.

Sept. 16. Thorne. 16. Hugo Spiering to Sec. Dorchester. Sir Cornelius Vermuyden sent him the inclosed letter too late for him to be at Oxford on the 27th August, to take view of the river there, and the same to make navigable. Explains his engagements, but promises attendance on any other day. *Inclosed,*

16. I. *Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to Sec. Dorchester. Cannot wait on him at Oxford on the 27th, the Lord President of the North having appointed a meeting on the 1st September touching the business of Haxey. Sends the bearer to give the Sec. satisfaction. Wisbeach,* 1631, *Aug.* 19.

Sept. 6. 17. Certificate of Officers of the Custom House at Barnstaple, that a small bark freighted by John Delbridge had come in thither laden with tobacco. The bark being much damaged the tobacco had been taken out, and was likely to perish if not cared for. It was not possible to send the bark to London according to the proclamation.

Sept. 6. 18. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Humphrey Walcot, the Sheriff. Report measures taken for relief of the poor [within the hundreds of Clun and Purslow].

Sept. 7. Westminster. 19. The King to Sir Henry Crooke and others, officers of the Forest of Shotover and Stow-wood. Warrant to stay the sale of timber, except such as was already felled, or such as might be necessary for the Navy, for the building of St. John's College, Oxford, or for making navigable the Thames. [*Copy.*]

[Sept. 7.] 20. Petition of Wm. Willoughby, one of the Purveyors of timber for the Navy, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Complains that Sir Timothy Tyrrell and his servants hinder him in selling the lops and tops of timber felled for the Navy in the Forests of Shotover and Stow-wood, as hitherto has been usual. Prays that he may have the same allowances as former purveyors. *Annexed,*

20. I. *Certificate of Richard Hore and others, Preservators of the Forests of Shotover and Stow-wood, that former purveyors had the chips hewed from ship timber.* 1631, *Sept.* 7.

Sept. 7. 21. Petition of William Stonehouse to the same. Prays to be appointed purser of the Adventure.

Sept. 7. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 22. Capt. John Pennington to the same. On his arrival found the Lily, of London, bound for Spain, John Corditt, master, had taken in goods in the Downs for which he had paid no custom. Capt. Plumleigh had sent to the master, who answered him peremptorily. Pennington set the broad arrow on his ship and told him

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what to trust to, whereupon they went to Sandwich and paid the custom. Intelligence of a great defeat the States have given those of the Archduke's side in a design they had upon Williamstadt.

Sept. 7. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 23. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Dorchester. Sends intelligence of the defeat of the Archduke's troops mentioned in the preceding letter. [*Much mutilated.*]

Sept. 7. 24. Sir John Heydon to Nicholas. The letter which solicited a convoy for ordnance from Portsmouth was none of his (*See Vol.* cxcviii., *No.* 80.) Sends the answer of those who wrote it. He thinks it unnecessary. Portsmouth is a fit place for a magazine. But if the Lords of the Admiralty think it desirable, the Esperance might bring about the ordnance of the Convertive and certain swords to be repaired. *Inclosed,*

24. 1. *Officers of the Ordnance to the same. There are* 89 *pieces at Portsmouth, whereof* 24 *belong to the Convertive, left by her when she went into Spain. Office of the Ordnance,* 1631, *Sept.* 7.

Sept. 7. 25. Donald Lord Reay to Sec. Dorchester. Fragment of a letter respecting an account of disbursements for the King of Sweden.

Sept. 7. Whitehall. 26. Petition of Maurice Aubert to the same. The King, at the request of the Queen, gave order that Marie Aubert, wife of Maurice Aubert, her Majesty's chief surgeon, might go freely to her devotion, yet notwithstanding, Crosse, a pursuivant, by his substitute called young Crosse, apprehended her coming from Somerset House, and although she shewed the King's command, Crosse slighted it and the Queen, and plucked her violently through the streets, in time of rain, and in an abusive manner, she being then feeble with fasting and great with child, which caused a feared "aborsement." All which being represented to the King by the Queen, his Majesty ordered petitioner attend the Sec. for redress. *Underwritten,*

26. 1. *Reference by the Council to the Attorney General to examine all the parties, and make report thereon. Whitehall,* 1631, *Sept.* 7.

Sept. 8. 27. Separate certificates of Sir Robert Mansell and Sir Kenelm Digby of the competency of Richard Bennett for the place of boatswain in one of the King's ships.

Sept. 8. Greenwich. 28. Donald Lord Reay to Sec. Dorchester. Thanks him for assisting the levies raising by Sir Thomas Drury. [*Much mutilated.*]

Sept. 8. 29 List of troop of horse in the East division of Devon, mustered at Ottery St. Mary.

Sept. 9. 30. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Francis Bradshaw, the Sheriff. Return of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Morleston.

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Sept. 9. 31. Examination of Thomas Lacy, of Beverley, taken at the manor of York, before Viscount Wentworth, Lord President. Fourteen years ago Mr. Popple, of Hull, stayed certain articles of plate and clothing found in the possession of Benedick Lacy, and afterwards delivered same to examinant on his promise to deliver the same or the value thereof when they should be called for. Accounts for the articles, but thinks the matter is now stirred up by Serjeant Maxwell in revenge.

Sept. 9. 32. List of light horse in the North division of Devon, mustered at Torrington.

Sept. 9. 33. Similar list for the South division of Devon, mustered at Plympton.

Sept. 11. The Antelope, at Gore End. 34. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Thanks him for his care of his business. Would be glad to come up at his return. The [First] Whelp is at Lee, waiting for her provisions. Would be glad to hear how long he is to expect Sir Henry Vane's servants and baggage; he is to be at Yarmouth the 21st of this month.

Sept. 12. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 35. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has sent the Antelope and the First Whelp to Gore End, for receiving aboard the Ambassador's servants, and so to proceed to Yarmouth, and thence to the Elbe. After to-morrow they must drink water, for their beer is all gone. Great storm last night, in which three small ships were forced to cut their masts by the board, and he and others were hard put to it. Desires to know whether he is to go westward to clear the coast of pirates and picaroons. One of the ships should remain there to prevent the frauds committed upon the King in his customs.

Sept. 12. 36. Sec. Dorchester to Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. Hopes he has found the effects of the endeavours used with his Majesty for his poor town of Lincoln. The dispatch of it was put into the hands of the Lord Keeper. At his Majesty's being at Woodstock, a University cause was brought before him, which ended in some exemplary punishments of those complained of by the Vice-Chancellor. Thorne, of Balliol, who is beneficed by Bishop Williams near Bedford, was one of the banished delinquents. His presumption was thought to grow on an assurance that, whatever should befal him, he is well provided for. Lest he should pursue his petulance and malice in his country parish, it is necessary that the Bishop should have a vigilant eye upon him, and make him as sensible of his displeasure as he is now bold in confidence of his favour. This advice is given by the King himself, out of a princely care that the Bishop should not be "pricked" by him. When at Oxford the Sec. went in devotion to the Bishop's new built chapel. Sends extracts of letters containing the news from the Low Countries. The States may reckon this one of their greatest victories. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 13. Southampton. 37. John Ellzey to Nicholas. Having paid Mr. Alcock 524*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*, on account of Admiralty profits since the Duke's

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death, and his account having been examined by Mr. Trylman, he requests that, considering the unseasonableness of the time, and his unwieldiness and age, his appearance in the Exchequer may be deferred until the spring. The 1st November is in the heart of his vintage occasions.

Sept. 13. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 38. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Begs to know whether it is true that Capt. Weddell is going with six ships for the Red Sea, with a commission under the Great Seal; likewise whether there be a dock making at Portsmouth, or order for it; also what ships are to be built, and who are to be the builders. Begs his assistance in procuring John Vincle, the writer's boatswain's mate, a boatswain's place in the Navy.

Sept. 13. 39. Justices of Peace for co. Warwick to William Purefoy, the Sheriff. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundred of Knightlow.

Sept. 14. Whitehall. 40. General warrant of the Council, to be of assistance in the execution of an order of the Court of Admiralty for arresting Sir John Hippisley, late Lieutenant of Dover Castle, and keeping him safely until he have paid to Walter Aldwyn 500 French crowns, by him taken, when such Lieutenant, out of the Hope, Julian Buissin, master. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 14. Carleton. 41. Thomas Carleton to Sec. Dorchester. Sir Richard Graham had moved the Sec. that the writer might be Sheriff of Cumberland. His wife having fallen blind, he intreats the Sec. to pray his Majesty not to think of him. Before this accident happened his wife swore that she would rather leave her house than subject herself to the trouble and thankless charge of entertaining the Judges.

Sept. 14. 42. Laurence Hillyard to his "son Brandon." Letter on private affairs. Wishes to hear of the health of Lady Swinnerton and Mr. Dunsterville by letter directed to his sister Parker, at St. Edmund's Bury.

Sept. 14. 43. Separate informations of Mary Eccling, Maturin le Boindre, John Baptista Ferin, and George Hall, taken by Attorney General Heath, respecting the arrest of Mrs. Aubert, and her mis-usage by young Crosse, the pursuivant. (*See No.* 26.)

Sept. 14. 44. Examination of William Popple, of Kingston-upon-Hull, taken before Viscount Wentworth, Lord President. States the circumstances under which the trunk of Richard [Benedick ?] Lacy was detained, and gives an inventory of its contents, and account of the way in which the goods were ultimately disposed of.

[Sept. 15 ?] 45. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington. They are informed that it is the practice of various persons to lade and unlade goods in the Downs and other places in the Narrow Seas, whereby his Majesty is deceived in his customs. He is to employ

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his best diligence to prevent such deceit, and is not only to make stay of ships engaged therein, but to bind over the masters, factors, and agents to answer at the Council Board. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 15. Westminster. 46. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Capt. Weddell has been often at the Lord Treasurer's about a voyage [to the Red Sea], but Nicholas does not believe it will proceed. There is no order for building a dock at Portsmouth, only the King approved that place for a harbour, and commanded his ships to ride there. A proposition for building 12 new ships for increase of the Navy was made by Sec. Coke, and the care of the work is left to him. Timber is ordered to be felled for the three first of them. Will do what lies in his power for Pennington's boatswain's mate. The King will be at Whitehall on Monday next, and the next day will go to Hampton Court during pleasure. When Pennington meets with a piece of good tobacco would be glad to taste of it.

Sept. 15. Gore End. 47. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Hears nothing of the Ambassador's goods or servants. If they stay longer they cannot fetch Yarmouth by their prefixed day. In great distress for a pilot. Has sent the Whelp up to Lee, to see for one there, but the surest way is to press one above and send him down with the Ambassador's goods. All pilots about the coast cry out that they can never get their money, which makes them very unwilling to serve the King.

Sept. 15. Whitehall. 48. Sir Henry Vane to Sec. Dorchester. The King hastens his going away, and he desires not to retard an hour. Is gone to Roehampton this day to hasten his dispatch [from the Lord Treasurer], and shall wait on Dorchester to-morrow night at Theobalds for his, for the year comes on so fast that every day is a week. Urges him to dispatch various privy seals, especially one for the Poland Ambassador.

Sept. 15. 49. Sir Thomas Roe to the same. Fragment of a letter respecting the privy seal for the Poland Ambassador above alluded to.

Sept. 16. 50. Petition of the Mayor and others of Harwich to the King. Their former petition, setting forth various grievances resulting from the vexatious conduct of William Innes, their minister, having been referred to the Earl of Warwick and others, examinations have been taken by them, which are now annexed. Pray that the same may be taken into consideration and the petitioners receive relief. *Annexed,*

50. I. *Earl Rivers, Sir Harbottle Grimston, Sir John Barker, and Sir Thomas Bowes to the King. Report in reference to the disputes between the town of Harwich and Mr. Innes. They set forth the examinations taken by them, and report the same in a manner altogether condemnatory of Mr. Innes.*

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50. II. *Order of his Majesty, written under the preceding petition, that Sec. Dorchester acquaint the Council with this business, that they may take such order therein as they may think fit. Theobalds,* 1631, *Sept.* 16.

Sept. 16. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 51. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reports the arrival of two English merchant ships in the Downs, who had met five sail of French ships (three of the Dragons and two of their Whelps) bearing the French King's colours on the main top, and the Malta colours on the poop, who saluted them with, "Amain, "rogues, for the King of France!" They answered with a piece of ordnance, whereupon they, finding they were resolved to fight it out, left them. One of these Dragons came up with the writer as he stood along for Elsinore, but did not offer to put any colours abroad. The writer sent a lieutenant aboard to view the ship, which he found to be very fine and roomy. It had been sent to procure materials for shipping, with commission to cause any English ships he could master to take in their flags, and dowse their topsails. He said there were three Admirals appointed for regaining the regality of the Narrow Seas, which was given to us by the Pope from them, but now we were fallen from their religion was re-assigned. Thought it a bravado, but now finds it is to be put in execution. Begs them to allow him to scour the coast as high as the Land's End, and to furnish him with 20 barrels of powder. He had sent a customer aboard the Assurance, which was unlading in the Downs.

Sept. 16. 52. Copy of the same.

Sept. 16. The same. 53. The same to Nicholas. Begs him to procure an answer to the requests in the preceding letter. Wants to know when the King will be in London.

Sept. 16. Theobalds. 54. Statement of William Haynes, Surveyor of the Horse at Dover, of the circumstances under which he had stayed twelve geldings, endeavoured to be transported by night by Mons. Lagatine, he having a warrant of the Marquis of Hamilton for the transport of only six.

Sept. 16. 55. Statement of Francis Capery of the circumstances under which he delivered up the warrant for transport of six geldings, mentioned in the preceding article.

Sept. 16. 56. A. Brodley to Mr. Prickles. Two warrants having been obtained for payment of 7*l.*, arrears due to Ensign Sledd, one being payable to himself and one to his wife, Brodley is requested to obtain Mr. Boswell's explanation which of them shall stand.

Sept. 17. Plymouth. 57. Mayor and others of Plymouth to the King. His letters of the 12th inst. not to elect Thomas Forde for their lecturer (of late expelled the University), nor to give him the grant of the next avoidance of their church, shall be cheerfully obeyed.

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Sept. 17. 58. Petition of William Cowley, of Ratcliffe, mariner, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays appointment of boatswain of the Convertive. *Annexed,*

58. I. *Certificate of Capt. Thomas Weddell and others of the sufficiency of William Cowley.*

Sept. 17. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 59. Capt. John Pennington to the same. The vessel from St. Christopher's, laden with tobacco, which they have ordered him to stay, went about the North Foreland, towards Gore End, without anchoring there. Has sent the St. Claude to look after her. Capt. Robert Roberts, now come from Calais, brings intelligence that the Cardinal has put in a new governor there, and on Wednesday last there came in a supply of 400 soldiers more to the garrison. Monsieur is in Brabant.

Sept. 17. The same. 60. The same to Nicholas. Incloses the above. Is sorry supplies are being sent to him up to Christmas Eve. It will be ill being there in the depth of the winter. Begs him to hasten his gunner's stores. Wishes to see what these French ships will do. The Cardinal strongly fortifies all the sea coast, and builds docks and havens. Believes we shall hear of them shortly.

Sept. 17/27. The Hague. 61. Robert Powlett to the same. Has before addressed him respecting the depredations of Capt. Michael Cornelius T'Kint, in his ship the St. Peter, of Rotterdam. Mr. Moore will acquaint him with the whole proceedings, if the Lords of the Admiralty will take their cause into commiseration. Moore can also show him a relation of the indirect carriage of the business by the Admiralty of Rotterdam, who suffer the offenders to escape without reprehension. *Annexed,*

61. I. *Relation of proceedings at Rotterdam in behalf of certain English against Michael Cornelius T'Kint and his company, who had committed various acts of piracy against the English.*

61. II. *Particular heads of attestations concerning the piratical facts committed by T'Kint in taking a rich prize then in the possession of the Willing Mind, of Weymouth, and surprising the Dove, of Minehead.*

61. III. *Abstract of the proofs against Captain T'Kint and his company, respecting their capture of the Dove, of Minehead.*

Sept. 17. 62. Estimate by Sir Marmaduke Darrell, of receipts and payments on account of the King's household, "due by the end of September "1631, for the whole seventh year then ended." The total is 20,000*l.* The application of that sum in payment of various items of current expenses and debts is stated.

Sept. 17. 63. Muster roll of the trained company of footmen within the hundred of Blything, co. Suffolk, under the conduct of Robert Brewster, captain.

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1631. Sept. 17. 64. Certificate of Capt. Robert Brewster of the defaulters at the same musters.

Sept. 17. 65. Minutes of proceedings of Justices of Peace for co. Warwick for the hundred of Knightlow at their meetings for relief of the poor from 29th June last to this day. Wheat at Rugby this day was at 4*s.* 6*d.*

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Sept. 18. Puncknowle. 1. Robert Naper to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk. Complaint made by a Frenchman that a Biscayner meeting him in the English Channel, off Portland, surprised and robbed him. The Biscayner being afterwards driven by weather into Weymouth, the writer arrested and committed the captain and some of the company to the gaol at Dorchester; the others remain at his charge for daily sustenance. Sends their commissions, and commends the case to his consideration. [*Much damaged.*]

Sept. 18. 2. Copy of the same, also much damaged, but of service in supplying words lost from the preceding. *Annexed,*

2. 1. *Translation into English of the commissions originally inclosed in the preceding letter.* [*All much damaged.*]

Sept. 19. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 3. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The St. Claude found the vessel from St. Christopher's at Gore End, getting victuals aboard to go presently away for the Low Countries. The captain and the master stood much upon it, and would by no means enter into bond, so the captain of the St. Claude spiked down the hatches, sealed them down, took out five of their men, put in five of his own, and one of his master's mates, and sent her up to Custom House Quay. When other ships come in from the plantations, he will cause them to enter into bond, or use them in this kind.

Sept. 19. 4. Minutes in Nicholas's handwriting of Admiralty business to be transacted by the Lords this day:—Whether ordnance at Portsmouth shall be brought for Chatham; petitions of Lopez and Thomas White and company; to appoint purser for the Adventure and boatswain for the Convertive; powder solicited by Capt. Pennington, with other matters.

Sept. 19. 5. William Boswell to Sec. Dorchester. Sends an imperfect entrance into some collections concerning his Majesty's Admiralty in the North Seas. Sir John Borough, Keeper of the Records in the Tower, is able to produce an original concerning the first institution of La Rool d'Oleron by Edward I., in which time this name of Admiral

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and Admiralty began to be of use and authority in these seas, about 1286, wherein appears also the sovereignty of the Kings of England in the same. *Inclosed,*

5. I. *Notes from public records concerning appointments of Admiral, and grants of Admiralty jurisdiction.*

Sept. 19. Wadham College. 6. Dr. Wm. Smyth to Sec. Dorchester Absence at Wells with the Bishop their visitor, upon business concerning the College, prevented his reporting how peaceably all passed in their convocation for publishing and executing his Majesty's commands. Had there been the least resistance or defect of obedience to his Majesty's decrees, he should have followed the Court to Henley. Solicits him to mediate for freeing him from his Majesty's displeasure for not giving an account before.

Sept. 20. Chester. 7. Commissioners for Compositions for Knighthood for co. Chester to the Council. In execution of their commission, William Foster, George Snell, and George Byrom, Doctors of Divinity and Justices of Peace, appeared, and being moved to make gree according to the instructions, used the arguments of excuse which are now transmitted. *Inclosed,*

7. I. *Answers of William Foster and George Byrom, above mentioned. They allege that they are clergymen without any lay fee, and therefore that it is not his Majesty's intention that they should be charged with this composition. Underwritten is the concurrence of Dr. George Snell in the same answer.*

Sept. 20. Chester. 8. The same to the same. Every one hitherto called before them has been willing and ready to make composition. The gentlemen exempted offered themselves to have done the like, and have moved the Commissioners by the inclosed petition to recommend their desires to the Council. *Inclosed,*

8. I. *Petition of Gentlemen in co. Chester to the Commissioners for Compositions for Knighthood in that county. In regard of their remote habitations from London, and of many of their ages and infirmities of body, pray to be admitted to compound in the country.*

Sept. 20. The Antelope, at Gore End. 9. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Sir Henry Vane's desire being that they should pass all together to Yarmouth as soon as his baggage is aboard, and considering the inconveniency of keeping horses aboard in winter weather, he will come up to Lee Road and lie with the Whelp till all of them shall be in a readiness to be gone. Urges the sending him a pilot, and complains of the Gravesend postmaster who kept a packet in his hand for 12 hours. Hears there are French ships of war about the western coast, and grieves from his heart's blood that he is not at liberty to have a fling at them. They are rascally small ships, and it would be a brave sight to see them kiss the bottom.

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Sept. 20. St. James's. 10. Anne Bowcher to Anne Viscountess Dorchester. Sends a note of particulars for Lord Dorchester. The tenants long to hear, and Lady Gorges would have a commission to make all ready against the term. *Inclosed,*

10. 1. *Note in the handwriting of Anne Bowcher, of "particulars "found for Lord Dorchester." They are memoranda of various places in London where the tenants alluded to are to be found.*

Sept. 20. Counterpart indenture of lease, whereby Thomas Maisters, goldsmith, of London, demised to Robert Paine, of Isleworth, yeoman, a messuage in Worton, in Isleworth, for four years, at the annual rent of 10*l.* [*Case B., Car. I., No.* 6.]

Sept. 21. Westminster. 11. John Earl of Clare to Sec. Dorchester. Visiting Sir Arthur Savage, he shewed him a copy of a petition recommended to Lord Dorchester to be presented to the board. The writer disliked it as savouring too much of the unsafe passion of an old distressed gentleman conscious of much merit in his profession, and far out of the way to relieve him. Knows Dorchester is a friend to men of his worth, as having spent much time among those of that profession, and therefore begs him to forbear to prefer that which will turn to his prejudice.

Sept. 21. Oct. 1. St. Sebastian. 12. Prestwick Eaton to his brother George Wellingham. Thanks for letters and courtesies. Is much afflicted with the colic. Prays him to receive from Mr. Marsh any money he may wish to have paid for his friend at St. Sebastian. Excuses for not writing to Mr. Sadler.

Sept. 22. 13. Petition of Ezekiel Waad, Confessor to his Majesty's household, and one of the Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal, to the King. Refers to the grant made to Humphrey Bache, one of the Gentlemen of the Chapel Royal, of certain messuages at Worcester (*See Vol.* cxlii., *No.* 6.) Bache died before he could entitle the King, and petitioner has since intermarried with his widow, and at his own charge entitled the King to the same messuages. Prays for a grant of the same to himself and Susan his wife. *Underwritten,*

13. 1. *Minute of the King's pleasure that the Attorney General acquaint the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer with the petitioner's request, and if they find the facts as stated, they may give order to the Attorney General to prepare the grant desired. Hampton Court,* 1631, *Sept.* 22.

Sept. 22. York. 14. Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord President of the North, to Sec. Dorchester. Lancashire and Lincolnshire being miserably distressed with the pestilence, within these six weeks the infection is "cumd" into divers parts of co. York, and last of all into the city itself. On the edge of Lancashire the town of Heptonstall has near 40 houses infected, and Mirfield has lost nine score persons. If it should

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visit those great towns Halifax or Leeds, in good faith it would mightily distress all that side of the country. Redness and Armin are furiously infected, and 100 persons dead, this being brought out of Lincolnshire as the other out of Lancashire, and is more taking and deadly. It was brought into the suburbs of York by a lewd woman from Armin, and in that street are since dead some four score persons. It has not got within the walls, except in two houses, forth which all the dwellers are removed to the pest-houses, but it is broken forth at Huntington and Acam [Acombe]. The town takes comfort in the presence of the President and Council. The writer would be loath to leave them in this distressed case. Public fairs have been inhibited, watches are well kept, the passages from Lincolnshire by water have been stopped as much as possible, and the visited persons provided for with necessaries and drugs.

Sept. 22. London. 15. Edward Carter to Sec. Dorchester. Details particulars of alterations making in Lord Dorchester's residence. On taking down a rotten roof and floor, the wall towards the garden was found but ill, whereupon the writer had taken upon himself to give order for alterations which would bring it into conformity with the rest of the building.

Sept. 22. The Downs. 16. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Intreats the dispatch of his gunner, and answer to his letters to the Lords. His victuals kept back by the foul weather, and Capt. Ketelby hears nothing of his.

Sept. 22. Melcombe Regis. 17. Robert Naper to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk. Since his last letter has found that the Spanish pirates have not only robbed the Frenchman, but have likewise taken two Englishmen, out of whom they took what they pleased and let them go. Has sent the captain with 10 of his company to Dorchester gaol; the rest, being 41, are in Weymouth, without means of sustenance of their own. [*Much damaged.*]

Sept. 22. 18. Copy of the above letter. [*Much damaged.*]

Sept. 22. 19. Certificate of musters taken at Clare, co. Suffolk, of the foot company under Sir William Soame, within the hundreds of Risbridge and Baber.

Sept. 22. 20. Similar certificate for the foot company under John Lehunte, within the hundred of Risbridge in the same county.

Sept. 22. Drayton. 21. Presentments of vagrants punished and removed within the North part of the hundred of Bradford, co. Salop, certified by Justices of Peace for the same county.

Sept. 23. Godolphin. 22. Sir Francis Godolphin to Nicholas. In obedience to commands from Lord Cottington, he has sent up to London Richard Bramfield, captain, and John Roach, master, of the small Biscayner lately apprehended in Scilly. Has written to Lord Cottington with their examinations and commission, and a letter of his lieutenant, declaring the manner of their apprehension. The vessel will hardly repay his outlay.

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Sept. 23. Cockshut. 23. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Humphrey Walcot, the Sheriff. Return of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Pimhill.

Sept. 23. Gillmorton. 24. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Leicester of similar measures taken within the hundred of Goodlaxton.

Sept. 23. 25. Muster roll of the band of 200 footmen under the command of Sir Thomas Glemham, within the hundred of Plomesgate and part of the hundred of Hoxne, co. Suffolk.

Sept. 24. Chippenham. 26. Robert Drewe and John Foyle to the Lords of the Admiralty. Have received information that John Coslett [Corseley] and William Baber, two powder makers of Bristol, have of late bartered with Thomas Hilliard, the saltpetreman, for great quantities of his Majesty's saltpetre, and have caused the same to be conveyed secretly, in the night, in close sacks and barrels, to Bristol, and have there converted the same into powder for their private benefit. The writers required Coslett and Baber by warrant to appear before them, but Baber, having some private foreknowledge, could not be spoken with, and Coslett refused to appear.

Sept. 24. Westminster. 27. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Will herein receive a letter from the Lords for transport of Sir William Barfour [Balfour] to Dunkirk. Will send to the victualler about the supply of the St. Claude. His advertisement of the Frenchmen's proceedings in the Narrow Seas has given their Lordships and his Majesty good content. As soon as he is returned from Dunkirk he will be ordered to the westward. His gunner has order for 20 barrels of powder. He will do well to have an eye on the preparations of the French, for the Lords observe and commend his diligence. No Lord Chief Justice is named, nor is there any certainty in what report delivers. Hears that the Bishop of London shall be Bishop of Winchester, and the Bishop of Winchester be Archbishop of York. The Lord Treasurer speaks well of Pennington's care and industry. Begs him to keep to himself the news received from the writer, for there are some that envy their good correspondency.

Sept. 24. Brancepeth. 28. Dr. John Cosin to Bishop Laud. Regrets that he cannot speak of peace with the Bishop of Durham [Howson]. Within a few days after his coming to Durham he openly declared his great displeasure against Dr. Lindsell and the writer, for the speech they had with Bishop Laud at Fulham, which he called "Accusations " and articles preferred against him," and after answering them caused Bishop Laud's letter to him to be publicly read, calling it a libel and a saucy letter. This was done the first day. He now says that he intends to proceed against them that had misbehaved against him, and to begin with the writer, whom first he meant to be rid of. He had drawn certain articles against him, which he willed his Registrar to enact and record, with an admonition to appear. The writer has done what he can to observe him, and give him no just

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cause of offence, but he hopes it will not offend Bishop Laud if he legally refuses Bishop Howson's censure, he having already declared himself against the writer.

Sept. 25. The Tower. 29. Sir William Balfour to Sec. Dorchester. Thanks for his remembrance of what concerns the writer sent by a messenger who found him abed on Sunday morning last. Hopes he will accept his expressions of thankfulness, as the gods of old are said to have accepted milk for wine and water for milk from hearty offerers. Prays him to cause Mr. Lucas to direct thither the warrant for Sir William Parcquist [Parkhurst] to command in his absence.

Sept. 26. Hampton Court. 30. Minute of order of the King that the Attorney General should prepare a bill for a grant of the manor and park of Cold Kennington *alias* Kempton and Feltenham, co. Middlesex, to Sir Robert Killigrew, in socage, after the expiration of the lease in being. *Annexed,*

30. I. *Petition of Sir Robert Killigrew, the King's servant, to the King. The manor and park above mentioned, with the manor and park of Hanworth, were granted by the late King to petitioner's father, for* 80 *years without rent. In consideration of expense which petitioner has bestowed in maintaining the game, prays for a grant in fee of the said manor and park in reversion, at a rent of* 18*l.* 1*s.* 0½*d.*

30. II. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer to report thereon. Hampton Court,* 1630, *Oct.* 4.

30. III. *The Lord Treasurer to Sir Thomas Fanshaw. To advise thereon.* 1630, *Oct.* 4.

Sept. 26. Carnarvon. 31. Edward Littleton and others, Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for trying pirates in co. Carnarvon, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Robert Roberts, a merchant of Bristol, being convented before them on a warrant of John Griffith, Vice-Admiral of North Wales, one of the Commissioners, and Griffith giving information that Roberts helped to convey Capt. Morgan, the pirate, away on his horse, to escape the hands of justice, Roberts charged the Vice-Admiral that he did it of malice, which they take to be a great contempt, and certify accordingly.

Sept. 26. Tottenham. 32. Sec. Coke to Sec. Dorchester. Sends him an order inclosed. [*Much mutilated.*]

Sept. 26. Cockermouth. 33. Robert Branthwaite to the same. Disasters met with by him on his intended journey towards Ireland. Shipwrecked on the coast of Cumberland, and his life saved with great difficulty, by two sailors who dragged him out of the surf of the sea.

Sept. 27. Hampton Court. Charter of incorporation of Wenlock, co. Salop. [*First skin only.*] [*Sign Man. Car. I. Vol.* xiii., *No.* 59.]

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Sept. 27. Hampton Court. 34. The King to Mary Countess of Buckingham. Her son, Viscount Purbeck, being afflicted with distemper and weakness, she is required to take him into her custody and tender his health, and be watchful over him, to prevent such ill accidents as oftentimes accompany such distempers. [*Copy.*]

Sept. 27. Imbercourt, near Hampton Court. 35. Sec. Dorchester to Capt. John Pennington. It is the King's pleasure that he conduct the Marquis of Longemeau, a French gentleman who has been some time here, and who is son of Marquis d'Effiat, in one of his Majesty's ships into Holland.

Sept. 27. 36. George Harwood to Sec. Dorchester. Sends a letter which was delivered to the Earl of Dorset, and by him opened by mistake. The Sec.'s "things out of France" have arrived at the Custom House, but are there stayed until they have certain assurance that they belong to him.

Sept. 27. Carleton. 37. Thomas Carleton to [the same.] Begs that he may never be thought on for Sheriff. The bearer will tell him that the writer's wife's want of sight is too true.

Sept. 28. Oct. 8. Paris. 38. Richard Browne to the same. Reports the way in which he purposed to expend 30*l.* remitted to him through Burlamachi, for purchase of fruit trees for the Sec. They were to be forwarded by fishing-boat to Dieppe, and thence by the ordinary weekly passage boat to Rye. *Inclosed,*

38. I. *List of trees, principally pears, nectarines, and grapes, with their prices. Among the pears are the summer and winter Bon Chretien, Bergamotte, Messire Jean, Rousselet, and de Beurrée; among the nectarines, the Alberge, Péche cerise, Violette, Blanc, and Jaune.*

Sept. 28. 39. William Trumbull to his godson, Edward Nicholas, one of the Clerks of the Council. The Lords of the Admiralty met yesterday, and assigned a day for hearing the appeal. Sends him a petition, which was read at the board, that he may speak to his cousin Wyan about the prizes therein mentioned, and report what he found. The bearer is an honester man than the writer's godson. God bless them both. *Abovewritten,*

39. I. *Minute of order of the Lords of the Admiralty appointing the first Saturday in the Common Law term to hear "the appeal."* 1631, *Sept.* 27.

Sept. 28. 40. Justices of Peace for co. Warwick to William Purefoy, the Sheriff. Have continued their monthly meetings for the hundred of Hemlingford, although the plague has broken out in Deritend, in the parish of Aston, and spread far more dangerously into Birmingham, a great market town. Measures taken to stay its progress.

Sept. 28. Nether Knottisford. 41. Justices of Peace for co. Chester to Thomas Stanley, the Sheriff. Report measures adopted for relief of the poor within Bucklow hundred.

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Sept 29. 42. Petition of John Phillips, prisoner in the Fleet, to the Council. Petitioner is a customary tenant of the King's manor of Gillingham, co. Dorset. George Hascole, another tenant of the same manor, inclosed a parcel of the common thereof. For trial of the right, petitioner put his horse into Hascole's inclosure, which was straightway impounded, and a suit is depending. On a misinformation that Hascole's inclosure was a part of the forest, petitioner has been committed to the Fleet. Prays enlargement on bail. *Underwritten,*

42. I. *Reference to the Attorney General to call to him Mr. Whitaker, of the Temple, and peruse former orders made in this business, and certify his opinion thereon. Hampton Court,* 1631, *Sept.* 29.

42. II. *Report of Attorney General Heath that petitioner wilfully broke the former orders concerning Gillingham forest, but now seems sorry. Recommends that he be bound with good sureties for good behaviour.* 1631, *Oct.* 13.

42. III. *Petition of the same petitioner to the Council. Sets forth his poverty, and offers to put in sureties of his own rank before such magistrate as they shall please. Prays them to accept his submission, and allow him to proceed with his action at Common Law.*

Sept. 29. Farringdon. 43. Dorothy Lady Unton to Sec. Dorchester. Begs an increase of his favours towards the bearer, and thanks him for late kindness to Mr. Paine.

Sept. 29. 44. Bishop Laud to the same. It is the King's pleasure that he give order to the Clerk of the Signet to prepare a grant in reversion to Robert Reade and William Dell, of the office of one of the Clerks of the Signet, during the life of Thomas Windebank, eldest son of Francis Windebank, now Clerk of the Signet, to be held by them to the only use of the said Thomas Windebank as soon as the place shall be void.

Sept. 29. Westminster. 45. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The Lords have given order for his going to the westward, and press to have him gone with all possible speed. He is to see that no one presumes to carry the flag in the Narrow Seas. If Nicholas were in his place, and found any men-of-war that had presumed to call any of his Majesty's subjects aboard them unduly, he would either make them acknowledge their fault under their hand, or stay them until he had certified their offence to the Lords. He is to be the more jealous because some pretend to have an interest in the sovereignty of these seas. Lord Dorchester has written to him to transport the Marquis d'Effiat's son into the Low Countries, but he hopes the order of the Lords will come first, and then he will put off the transportation which he may well do if he can put the Marquis aboard some Hollander. Thanks for tobacco. Sir Sampson Darrell assures Nicholas that the victuals are all gone. Hears that Capt. Kirke's ships are

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come from Canada, where they met with the French, and disarmed them of all their ordnance, and so let them go.

Sept. 29. Copy of the same. [*Nicholas's Letter Book, p.* 94.]

Sept. 29. 46. Account of receipts out of lands conveyed by Sir John Couper to Sir Daniel Norton, Edward Tooker, and Thomas Hannam, for payment of his debts, &c., and the payments thereout, set down by Sir Daniel Norton and Edward Tooker, Thomas Hannam renouncing the trust. The account runs from Lady-day to Michaelmas, 1631. Receipts, 2,131*l.* 4*s.* 0½*d.*; payments, 2,561*l.* 4*s.* 5*d.* Sir John Couper died 23rd March 1631.

Sept. 30. 47. Petition of the Saltpetre-makers to the Lords of the Admiralty. Pray for some order that the saltpetre they have made for the King's service may be received and paid for, or leave granted to petitioners to sell, and to his Majesty's subjects to buy the same, with the vessels and materials that lie useless upon loss and decay.

Sept. 30. Taunton. 48. Mayor and another of Taunton to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Report their measures for relief of the poor, the sums levied by them on presentments, and the application of the amount.

[Sept. ?] 49. George Viscount Chaworth to the King. Having heard that his Majesty is offended with him, and ordered him to be imprisoned, protests that all his life he has aimed at meriting the King's favour. But he sees his error, and begs pardon, with an order for his present release. It is worse than death to him to be known to be in his Majesty's disfavour.

[Sept. ?] 50. Return, certified by Robert Earl of Warwick, of 34 defaulters at musters in Essex, selected from a total of 282, and recommended to be sent for by the Council as an example to the rest. *Annexed,*

50. I. *Names of defaulters at the musters at Romford under Capt. Conyers.*

50. II. *The like of those at Maldon, under Capt. Arthur Ashenhurst.*

50. III. *The like at Chipping Ongar, under Capt. Thomas Coleines.*

50. IV. *The like at Brentwood, under Capt. Thomas Legatt.*

50. V. *The like at Chelmsford, under Capt. Smith.*

50. VI. *The like for Thirstable and Winstry hundreds.*

50. VII. *The like at Harlow, under Capt. Richard Bugges.*

50. VIII. *The like for Bastable hundred, under Capt. Knightley.*

[Sept. ?] 51. Pleadings in a cause of the King *versus* Bishop Mountague, of Chichester, Walter Bartlett, and Lawrence Pey, respecting the right of presentation to the church of Stopham, co. Sussex. [*Mutilated by damp.*]

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Oct. 1. 1. Petition of Sir Sampson Darrell, Surveyor of Victuals for the Navy, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays them to order the Lords Justices of Ireland to make allowance of 8*d.* per diem for victualling the men in the two Whelps serving on the coast of Ireland; to consider his great loss by the late excessive dearness of provisions, which exceeded 1,500*l.*; to make answer to a reference from the Council upon a petition that he may be enabled to buy provisions in Ireland, and to require the Lords Justices of that country to pay 426*l.* 9*s.*, disbursed about a year since for victualling the said two Whelps.

Oct. 1. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 2. Capt. John Pennington to the same. Sir William Balfour came aboard on the 28th at night; on the 29th landed him in Dunkirk. Tidings there that the King of Sweden has wholly defeated Tilly, slain 20,000 of his army, and put the rest to flight. Tilly escaped into a town near Hamburgh. The 23 sail of Dunkirkers sent out lately have sunk 50 Dutch busses. The King of Spain's ships coming from the Groyne with soldiers are daily expected at Dunkirk. In his coming back cracked his foremast, but the carpenters are fishing it. During his absence the Loyalty, of London, from St. Christopher's, Capt. Wood, laden with tobacco, arrived in the Downs. The captain being unwilling to enter into bond, the captain of the St. Claude spiked down the hatches, and sent her away to the Custom House.

Oct. 1. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 3. The same to Nicholas. Repeats some of the information in the preceding. Thanks for his letters. Will take good care that "none of them" shall know anything that passes between Nicholas and him. Holds fair correspondence with his other captains, but finds they work their own ends. The captain of the St. Claude acted under his orders in finding and staying the first vessel from St. Christopher's, but he wrote letters to the Farmers of the Customs and Lord Dorset without mentioning Pennington, and received their letters of thanks.

Oct. 1. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 4. The same to Sec. Dorchester. Reports his transport of Sir William Balfour and the news he had learnt at Dunkirk in the same terms as in his letter to the Lords of the Admiralty, calendared above, *No.* 2.

Oct. 2. Stockton. 5. John Toppe, Sheriff of Wilts, to the Council. By a writ out of the Court of Chancery he is commanded to give possession to Hopton Haynes of a farm called Clayhill, now in the possession of Thomas Carr. Carr defending his possession with force of arms, and a multitude of base persons assisting him, the writer conceives that he is not likely to gain possession without effusion of blood. No ordnance being in that county, and Haynes intending to petition for ordnance to be procured from Bristol, the writer, on his desire, certifies the truth of these circumstances.

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Oct. 2. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 6. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Received their commands of the 29th last night. Will stand to the westward with the St. Claude with all expedition possible. Hopes his foremast will be fished by Tuesday at noon. He wants 32 tons of beer, and the St. Claude has sent away 16 of her best men with the Loyalty from St. Christopher's, and must attend their coming back. They cannot get to the westward until they have more temperate weather.

Oct. 2. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 7. The same to Nicholas. He writes that the Lords expect him not to suffer any nation to wear a flag in the Narrow Seas. It is more than ever was done, for our own merchants' ships and all other nations ever have, and do wear their flags, till they come within shot of the King's ships. If they then take them in and keep them in, till they are out of shot again, it is as much as has ever been expected. If he comes up with any that he knows have wronged any of his master's subjects, he shall question him, and either make him confess his error and give satisfaction, or bring him in, if it be in his power; but he hopes the Lords will not think that two ships half manned are able to encounter with 20 well manned. Wishes Nicholas to give him a touch of what nation these are, that he may know them.

Oct. 2. The St. Claude. 8. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reports his stay, in the absence of his Admiral, but under his previous direction, of the Loyalty, of London, Matthew Wood, master, and the circumstances under which he had put 15 or 16 of his best men aboard of her, to take her up to the Custom House quay. Prays them to give order for the speedy return of these men to the Downs, that he may proceed with his Admiral to the westward.

Oct. 2. The St. Claude, in the Downs. 9. The same to Nicholas. Reports briefly the circumstances mentioned in the preceding letter, and begs his assistance in procuring the immediate return of his men put aboard the Loyalty.

Oct. 3. 10. Petition of Richard Mitchell, master gunner of the Mary Rose, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays appointment as master gunner of one of the ships now building. *Annexed,*

10. I. *Certificate of the Officers of the Ordnance of the competency of the above petitioner.*

10. II. *Similar certificates of the Master Gunner of England and Kenrick Edisbury.*

Oct. 3. Christ Church, Oxford. 11. Paul Viscount Bayning to Sec. Dorchester. Thanks for favours. Wished to have delayed his letter longer, that he might have given a better account of some unnamed book. Lat.

Oct. 3. 12. Petition of Sir John Lambe to Thomas Lord Coventry. Having been Commissary and Official of the Archdeaconry of Leicester about 15 years past, about January last, Walter Walker

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got a grant of the same offices, and about 3rd March began to trouble the petitioner in his possession. The Bishop, the Judges of Assizes, and the Court of Chancery, have ordered that petitioner should enjoy the same until there is a trial at law, but Walker, since last term, has appointed nine or ten surrogates, and takes upon him to prove wills and grant licences. Prays that his intermeddling may be stayed.

Oct. 3. 13. Sir Thomas Hide, Sheriff of Bucks, to Sir Francis Harvey, Justice of the Common Pleas. Sends certificates received from Justices of Peace. *Inclosed,*

13. I. *Bailiff and others of Buckingham to the Sheriff of Bucks. Certify measures taken by them for relief of the poor within the borough of Buckingham.* 1631, *Oct.* 3.

Oct. 3. Taunton. 14. Mayor and another of Taunton to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Certify the price of corn in Taunton market on 24th September last. Wheat, 5*s.* to 5*s.* 6*d.* per bushel; rye, 4*s.*; barley, 3*s.*; beans, 3*s.* 4*d.*; pease, 3*s.*

Oct. 4. Bodmin Sessions. 15. Justices of Peace for Cornwall to the Council. If his Majesty incorporate the merchants of London trading for Spain, it will be the ruin of the manufacture of cloth and of the fishing of that county, and by consequence of their shipping and mariners, wherein the livelihood and maintenance of many thousands in that county depend. The late King granted that all cloths wrought in Cornwall of Cornish wool might be exported free of customs. By the proposed incorporation the benefit of this patent would be taken from them. Pray that the inhabitants of Cornwall may be left free to trade with Spain, or else many thousands who are now useful subjects of his Majesty must starve, or take desperate courses.

Oct. 4. Week. 16. John Lord Poulett to [Sec. Dorchester]. Takes the opportunity of his son Smith's going to London to kiss his hands. A little before the writer took leave of the King, having some speech with him, he found he had been possessed with those things which were contained in the letter written to the writer by the Lord Treasurer and Sir Francis Cottington, that the writer's denying the Lodge, had drawn a great inconveniency upon the King's service, and had been the means of disappointing him of 15,000*l.* The writer spoke the truth boldly enough to the King in his justification, and has since written to Lord Cottington the letter of which a copy is inclosed. Begs the Sec. to join in removing these false informations. *Inclosed,*

16. I. [*The same to Francis Lord Cottington.*] *Congratulates him on his peerage. States what opinion he found his Majesty possessed with at Oxford, as mentioned above. The writer begged the King not to believe the truth of such representations, and offered to renounce the King's par-*

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don and favour, which he valued above all things in the world, if any disservice could be justly imputed to him. Begs Lord Cottington to set him right in the King's opinion, or to give him an opportunity of clearing himself. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 4. 17. Bishop Davenant, of Salisbury, to Nicholas. Has not yet obtained an answer to his petition concerning the Earl of Castlehaven's goods escheated to him, but remaining in Lord Gorges's custody (*see Vol.* clxxxix., *No.* 47.) Has used the pains of Bernard Cliffe therein, and begs Nicholas to give him his advice. Mr. Oldisworth, Lord Pembroke's secretary, undertook to move the Council concerning Lord Arundel's armour. Prays Nicholas to put him in mind thereof.

Oct. 4. 18. Justices of Peace for co. Northampton to the Sheriff. Certificate of their proceedings for relief of the poor in the Eastern division of that county.

Oct. 4. 19. Justices of Peace for co. Huntingdon to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the division of Hurstington hundred.

Oct. 4. 20. Other Justices of the Peace of the same county to the same. Similar certificate for the division of Leightonston hundred.

Oct. 4. 21. Other similar Justices of Peace to the same. Similar certificate for the division of Toseland hundred.

Oct. 4. 22. Justinian Povey to ———. Sir Hugh Middleton and the writer pray him to make a *constat* under Sir Edward Wardour's hand for 9,262*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*, received out of the Exchequer between 1612 and 1617, according to an account now given, towards bringing the New River from Ware to London, Sir Hugh being now on his account for the same.

Oct. 5. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 23. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has been ready ever since yesterday at noon, and tarries only for the coming back of the St. Claude's men. Is troubled and grieved at it, as he has now a fair wind. Prays they may be speedily sent away. Received directions for transporting the Marquis of Longemeau into the Low Countries, but told the messenger that he was presently to set sail upon a service of importance, and that another ship would suddenly wait upon him. Conceives these winds will bring back the Antelope, he hopes, by to-morrow. Would be glad to have her come after him. The ships making ready at Havre de Grace will suddenly be out, and if they meet, Pennington's ships will hardly come off with honour.

Oct. 5. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 24. The same to Nicholas. Recapitulates the contents of the preceding. His rendezvous will be Plymouth and Falmouth, if he meets with winds and weather that he can keep the sea. Will set sail upon the instant of these men appearing.

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Oct. 5. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 25. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Dorchester. Explains why he put off the transport of the Marquis of Longemeau. Should not have done so, had not Mr. Nicholas written that such was the Sec.'s pleasure. Hopes he will make a true construction of it.

Oct. 5. 26. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to John Bainbrigg, the Sheriff. Have forborne to hold meetings within the hundred of East Goscote, several towns therein being infected with the plague.

Oct. 5. 27. Other Justices of Peace for the same county to the same. Similar certificate for the hundred of West Goscote, wherein the plague is much raging.

Oct. 6. 28. Nicholas Crispe to Sec. Dorchester. Asks pardon for not waiting on him before his going into France. His special occasion for going is to press, what may be, satisfaction for the goods the French took in the Benediction, wherein he has a deep third.

Oct. 6. 29. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The St. Claude's men have been hastened away to the Downs. The Lords will not expect impossibilities. The main business he is to take care of is to see that no foreigner carry the flag where his Majesty's ships are present in the Narrow Seas; and if he hears of any foreign shipping that has made stay of any ships of the King's subjects in the Narrow Seas, when he meets them he is to call them to account for their presumption. Cannot particularise what nation seeks to encroach on the King's sovereignty. Who questioned the merchants ships at Torbay? Who told his lieutenant that he had order to make any ship strike to him in the Narrow Seas? Tilly's overthrow is confirmed. The King kept St. George's feast at Windsor on Tuesday last, and will be at Hampton Court this day. About the Start or Torbay, Pennington may meet with some of those men-of-war that affront the King's subjects. Tell Capt. Ketelby, Sir James Bagg is gone to Plymouth, as Nicholas thinks, to fetch up his lady and family.

Oct. 7. Exeter. 30. Justices of Peace for co. Devon to the Council. Crave pardon for their late troubling them with their countrymen's petitions, concerning the restraint of trade, and now with the present relation. One Jones, an instrument in the execution of a patent, with the formidable title of the forfeitures of penal laws, was at first assisted by the writers, but they now find his misdemeanors so notorious that they have laid hold of his person, until the Council may be acquainted with his behaviour. Complaints against him have been many, as of compositions with alehouse keepers, for perpetual liberty to break the assize; sundry offers of subornation of perjury; the use of some of their names to draw poor people before him; and extortions. The patent was at first to all sorts no small terror, but these courses have made a general outcry among the meaner people. Hope the instruments of these patents will receive that just brand which the late Commissioners for Unlawful

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Games merited and found by his Majesty's proclamation, which yielded no little comfort to his loving subjects.

Oct. 7. Carnarvon. 31. John Griffith, Vice-Admiral of North Wales, to the Lords of the Admiralty. According to their pleasure, sued out a commission for trial of the pirates lately apprehended in co. Carnarvon, and they are convicted, but judgment has been deferred, because, demanding their clergy, Mr. Littleton made a scruple whether it should be allowed them. Finds that the country in general, after these pirates were taken, held commerce with the others that stood upon their guard in the ship, as long as they stayed in the port.

Oct. 7. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 32. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. The St. Claude's men are not returned till that instant, which has vexed him to the heart, but now he is presently going under sail. Marvels that Capt. Plumleigh has not returned from the Elbe. Should be glad to have the Antelope come after him, though he sent back the St. Claude. She is weakly manned, but the Antelope and himself should make a good scuffling among them.

Oct. 7. 33. Justices of Peace for Middlesex to the Sheriff. State measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Elthorne.

Oct. 7. 34. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex, of similar measures taken within the rape of Bramber.

Oct. 8. 35. Note by Stephen Alcock, showing to what times the Bonaventure, the Antelope, the St. Claude, and the First Whelp are victualled.

Oct. 9. Ragley. 36. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Sends two bay mares for the coach as Mr. Rawden desired. The view of the deer fell out ill, being 100 short of their expectation. Lord Brooke will expect 40*l.* abatement of that Sir Richard Tracy would have given. Has rectified the lease to his Lordship, which Mr. Bridges sent for, intending it to be sealed. Lady Huncks is in a reasonable good disposition about going into Ireland. She is unwilling to part with the writer's cousin Katherine Archpole, and wishes to retain the benefit of the house she dwells in, which she says my Lord by his will intended.

Oct. 9. Ragley. 37. The same to George Rawden. Repeats information in the preceding, and comments on the cases of Widow Cooke and Goodwife Bussie, two poor tenants. Lady Conway wishes to be repaid 5*l.*, paid to Mr. Trap out of her rents. He being only a stipendiary minister, she contends that he is in the nature of a servant, to every one of whom my Lord left a quarter's wages, which he ought to have received out of "his Lordships rents," and not from her.

Oct. 10. Grant of the Deanery of Hereford to John Richardson, D.D., one of his Majesty's chaplains, the same being void by the death of Dr. Daniel Price. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 10. Grant of an annuity of 200*l.* to Gottshalck Barr, a German born, in consideration of his service, during pleasure. [*Docquet.*]

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Oct. 10. Bolsover. 38. William Earl of Newcastle to the Council. The infection of the plague has prevented the taking musters for co. Nottingham. Incloses account for co. Derby.

38. 1. *Certificate of forces of co. Derby, with provision of ammunition. Totals,—trained soldiers,* 400*; private arms,* 400*; horse,* 72*; forces of the clergy,* 50.

Oct. 10. Abingdon. 39. Mayor and others of Abingdon to Sec. Dorchester. Understand that his Majesty gave charge that in the business of clearing a passage for barges to Oxford their town might not be neglected. Acknowledge themselves much bound to his Majesty, but the passing of barges is already free to Abingdon, and so has been for these four years. They will aid their neighbour town and University in all friendly offices.

Oct. 10. Southampton. 40. Mayor and others of Southampton to the same. The King having referred to him and others of the Council a petition preferred on behalf of that town, and the 13th inst. being appointed for a hearing, the bearers are appointed to attend on their behalf. Beg his favour to their cause.

Oct. 10. London. 41. Capt. John Mason to Nicholas. Expected an order for the Esperance to bring about certain ordnance from Portsmouth, and for that purpose had furnished the ship with able men and substantial rigging. The ship that was to be her convoy being gone to the Elbe, the Esperance being of competent force, and the ordnance, 90 pieces of iron and 12 of brass, not being of more value than 3,000*l.*, begs him to let the Lords know that if this opportunity be lost it will be difficult to find so easy a conveyance.

Oct. 10. King's College, Cambridge. 42. Dr. Samuel Collins to Bishop Laud. Apologises for not having been present at the Bishop's visitation. Had he known of it would not only have been present, but, with the Bishop's permission, would have been partaker of the mystery, which, as he had heard his parents deplore, he had lacked when a boy, unless he had been thought too old. He terms the rite a Sacrament, adding nobody denies it to be a Sacramental, but I reckon it among the Sacraments. Lat.

Oct. 10. 43. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to the Sheriff. State measures adopted by them for relief of the poor within the hundred of High Peak.

Oct. 11. 44. Sir John Heydon to Nicholas. Incloses a letter on which he wishes him to move the Lords. Desires to know which of the Whelps is intended for the Narrow Seas, that he may take order for dispatch thereof.

Oct. 12. Annesley. 45. George Viscount Chaworth to the King. Attended at Hampton Court the morning the King went towards Windsor, to thank his Majesty for his freedom. Beseeches him to take into his consideration his ready obedience to the King's will and that of his Commissioners. Begs him to repair the writer by something of his grace, that men may see that although for a moment he frowned on the writer he has not cast him off. In the country finds himself a

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person branded with his displeasure by having been turned out of all commissions, in which he was thought too advantageous for the King's service. No man believes that punishment was laid on him for his title, seeing there were in those commissions neither Earl's son nor Baron.

Oct. 12. Annesley. 46. George Viscount Chaworth to Sec. Dorchester. Sends him a copy of the preceding letter. He cannot deal for a gentleman that he shall find more thankful. Is the only person that liveth who was ever publicly employed, and is left unrewarded with honour or office. If he will get his Majesty to employ him to Venice, or upon any extraordinary [embassy], will give him 500*l.* as an earnest of his thankfulness. *Incloses,*

46. I. *Copy of preceding letter to the King.*

Oct. 12. Whitehall. 47. Sir Thomas Morton to the same. The ship wherein Lord Ochiltree is to be transported to Scotland is ready to sail to-morrow. Prays him to send the warrant for his delivery from the Fleet.

Oct. 12. Whitehall. 48. Francis Lord Cottington to [the same?]. Sends a paper scribbled at the Council table, which he may add to, diminish, or alter, as he shall think fitting.

Oct. 12. Kew. 49. Sir Robert Karr to the same. Sends him the gleanings of his grapes (the best being all gathered long ago to his great vintage), peaches conscionable good, with all that are left of his plums. If he will provide the writer a good gardener he shall have a yearly tribute.

Oct. 12. 50. Petition of Capt. Arthur Cowper to Lord Treasurer Weston. Petitioner was captain of the Mary Magdalene, of Aldborough, in the expedition to Cadiz. In going in took two ships and delivered them to the General, by whom one was brought to Ilfracombe and the other, the Red Hart, into the Thames, for which service the King bestowed on him 100 nobles, of which Sir William Russell has retained 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Prays that he may be ordered to pay the same. [*Nicholas has indorsed that Sir William Russell gave* 40*s. to Mr. Reynolds, but would not pay anything as due.*]

Oct. 13. Hampton Court. Proclamation for the better direction of those who desire to repair to the Court for the cure of the king's evil. Considering that the plague is very much dispersed in divers counties, none are to repair to the Court to be healed before the 15th December next. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 146.]

Oct. 13. 51. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. They have examined William Kifferd, suitor for the purser's place in the Adventure. He is as apt for such an employment as can be expected from one not exercised in the practical way thereof.

Oct. 13. 52. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Bucks, of measures taken for relief of the poor in the three hundreds of Aylesbury and the hundred of Burnham. [*John Hampden is one of the certifiers.*]

Oct. 13. 53. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Francis Bradshaw, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Reppingdon [Repton] and Gresley.

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Oct. 13. Counterpart indenture of lease, whereby Edward Wigley, of Scroptoft, co. Leicester, and Amy his wife, demised to Stephen Knight, vintner of London, the Paul's Head tavern and inn, in the parish of St. Gregory, near Paul's Chain, for 21 years, at the yearly rent of 50*l.* [*Case B., Car. I., No.* 7.]

Oct. 14. The Downs. 54. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sailed from Yarmouth the last of September, and 3rd October arrived at Gluckstadt; from thence, the 5th, at night, the Lord Ambassador took ship in the Whelp for Hamburgh. Returned towards England the 7th, and the 14th got into the Downs. Off Orfordness met two States men-of-war guarding their herring fishers. The Admiral stood with the writer with his flag aloft, and did not take it in until the writer had fired several shots. He sent for the captain aboard, but he refused to leave his ship. Desires to know how he is to comport himself hereafter in cases of this nature. Coming into the Downs met 12 sail more of them, but they were of a humbler condition, and did their respects to his Majesty's ships. Begs that he may come to London for recovery of his health.

Oct. 14. 55. Copy of great part of the above letter.

Oct. 14. 56. Muster roll of the trained band within the hundred of Lackford and half hundred of Exning, Suffolk; signed "Roger North."

Oct. 15. Demise to Sir George Dalston, of messuages and hereditaments in Burton, in Westmoreland, for the life of William Dalston, son and heir of the said Sir George, at the yearly rent of 44*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* and at 50*l.* fine. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 15. Grant of an almsroom in St. Stephen's, Westminster, to Thomas Snowden. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 15. Drayton. 57. Robert Earl of Essex, Lord Lieutenant of co. Stafford, to the Council. Sends return of Dep. Lieuts. of co. Stafford, that they have taken a view of trained bands of that county, with list of defaulters. *Inclosed,*

57. I. *Dep. Lieutenants of co. Stafford to Robert Earl of Essex. Have taken a view both of horse and foot. The foot are able men, well armed. The horse are very defective. Stafford,* 1631, *Oct.* 4. *Inclose,*

57. I. i. *List of gentlemen who made default.*

Oct. 15. 58. Petition of Edward Powell to the Lords of the Admiralty. Richard Jolliff has only paid petitioner part of the sum ordered by them to be paid in satisfaction of the moiety of the Dolphin, of Shoreham. Pray that he may not be discharged without full payment.

Oct. 15. The Bonaventure, in Catwater before Plymouth. 59. Capt. John Pennington to the same. Sailed from the Downs on the 8th inst. From Dover to Mount's bay has looked into every road, bay, and creek, but has neither found nor heard of any pirates or men-of-war. Four French ships had been lately driven into Plymouth Sound, but went away for the Bay of

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Biscay 12 days since. As soon as they were out of the Sound they went ashore at noon day, and stole 12 sheep and an ox, besides pillaging the fishermen on the coast. Has met but one French ship, bound from Caen to Bayonne, a copy of whose commission he transmits, in regard it is new and strange. The Cardinal ties every ship to wear his [the ship's?] flag and ensign, give up the names of his men, and return an account of his voyage. At Falmouth found the William, of Saltash, from St. Christopher's, with tobacco, of whose captain he took bond to pay customs, which he incloses. On leaving Falmouth was fired at by Pendennis Castle for not striking their flag to the castle, which is a thing never used by a King's ship, nor will he be the beginner of it.

Oct. 15. 60. Extract from the preceding of the part relating to the French.

Oct. 15. 61. Another extract of the part relating to Pendennis Castle.

Oct. 15. 62. Minutes, in Nicholas's handwriting, of business to be brought before the Lords of the Admiralty. Among the matters mentioned are petitions of Manuel Alvez Gondine, and others, Thomas White and Company, William Willoughby, —— Daynes, Capt. Crosier, and the saltpetremen; certificate respecting Kifferd, appointments to the St. Claude and the Mary Rose, and applications of Sir Sampson Darrell and Sir Francis Stewart.

Oct. 15. 63. Estimate of the charge of setting forth the Swiftsure and the Eighth Lion's Whelp for two months, to serve in the Narrow Seas; total, 1,656*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*

Oct. 16. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 64. Mayor and others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. Certificate of their proceedings as Commissioners for the conservancy of the Tyne from Easter until Michaelmas last.

Oct. 17. Presentation of the rectory of Hemmingford *alias* Hemmingford Abbat, co. Huntingdon, to Peter Heylyn, B.D., one of his Majesty's Chaplains in ordinary, void by the death of Dr. Brookes. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 17. London. 65. William Cooke and John Goodwin, principal Masters of the Navy, to Nicholas. Understanding there is an estimate to be made for next year, beg him to deliver a petition now sent to him, and to solicit for their better maintenance.

Oct. 17. 66. Sir James Weston to Sir Edward Wardour. To make a *constat* of sums received by or for Sir Hugh Middleton, towards the King's part of the charge of the waterworks of the New River from Chadwell and Amwell to London.

Oct. $\frac{17.}{27.}$ St. Sebastian. 67. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Mr. Houblon and John and Peter du Cane have consigned him goods with which he will use his best endeavours, but times are bad. Wishes a prescription for the colic; there they know not how to apply any remedy.

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Oct. 18. 1. Bill in Chancery by John Pregion, the elder, against Sir John Lambe, Registrar of the Diocese of Lincoln, and late Registrar of the Archdeaconry of Leicester. Plaintiff seeks a remedy against the defendant in respect of certain bills or notes given by the plaintiff to the defendant as security for the due performance of an agreement between them respecting the registrarship of the Archdeaconry. Plaintiff having resigned that office claims to have the bills delivered up to him.

Oct. 19. Warrant to pay to Sec. Dorchester for his Majesty's special secret service 1,000*l.* without account. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 19. Grant of an almsroom in Clerk's Hall in London for Martha Jones during her life. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 19. A like to Thomas Arnold, in Trinity College, Cambridge, during his life. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 19. The Henrietta. 2. William Cooke to Nicholas. The gunner of the Henrietta has spent all his powder and stores, being commanded to attend the Lord Marquis over to Norway. Begs him to move for a further supply.

Oct. 19. 3. Dr. William Gouge to Bishop Laud. The report that has come to his ears of his traducing the Bishop or his proceedings has much perplexed the writer's guiltless soul. Esteems highly the Bishop's favour, and having heard it more than once out of his own mouth that he will not entertain a report against a minister without proof, nor censure him till he have spoken what he can for himself, assumes that apology which blessed Queen Elizabeth made for herself in her troubles, thus translated by an Eton scholar:—

> "Plurima de me mala suspicantur,
> "Attamen de me mala non probantur."

Has ever observed the Bishop prudent, moderate, courteous. Good proof thereof was given to Dr. Sibbes and the writer before he was their diocesan; and after that, with Dr. Tayler and Mr. Davenport at the Bishop's house in London, when they four were cited to the High Commission Court; and again to the writer alone, when complaint was made about his manner of celebrating the Holy Communion. Concerning some ministers that refused to subscribe and conform, the writer is a witness of the Bishop's patient forbearing with them, giving them time to consult conformable ministers, and vouchsafing to confer with them himself. Never heard that any have been deprived but such as utterly refused to conform. Dr. Tayler, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Foxly, and Mr. Prime are instances of the Bishop's backwardness in taking advantage of private accusations. All England takes notice of his special grace to the writer. What he has here written he has everywhere testified.

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Oct. 20. 4. Justices of Peace for Middlesex to the Council. They received their letter of the 25th July, with a list of names of 40 informers, and a petition of innkeepers and victuallers in Middlesex, oppressed and vexed, as they allege, by the circumventing and unjust practices of those informers. State their proceedings in consequence at two Quarter Sessions, and their conclusion that the alehouse keepers are justly punished for not keeping the full assize and measure; that they have made assemblies and collections of money to oppose and frustrate the law, the penalty upon which the writers esteem to be the best means for suppressing drunkenness, regulating alehouses, and relieving the poor.

Oct. 20. 5. Brief on behalf of William Saunders, and in support of the will of William Jennets, *alias* Shepheard, of which Saunders was executor.

Oct. 21. Whitehall. 6. The Council to Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery. Are given to understand that the possession of a farm called Clayhill farm, in co. Wilts, is forcibly kept in rebellious manner by Thomas Carr in resistance of the Sheriff, who came to deliver the same to Hopton Haynes, to whom it has been adjudged. He is to give directions to the Deputy Lieuts. to assist the Sheriff with such companies of trained bands as he shall think needful. [*Copy.*]

Oct. 21. 7. Petition of the Muscovia Company, adventurers for the whale fishing to Greenland, to the Council. State their past proceedings against Nathaniel Wright and Thomas Hoarth, and that in spite of former orders the ships of the latter have gone to Greenland and have consorted with strangers as partners and sharers, thereby giving away, as much as in them lies, an interest in that country, which at its discovery was named King James's New Land. Pray that they may be called before the Board. [*Reference to Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the Admiralty, before whom all the parties are to attend on the 4th November. Wright is committed to the Fleet. Reg. Concil., Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 202.]

Oct. 21. 8. Petition of Anthony Harford, curate and preacher at Beaminster, co. Dorset, to the Council. On petition of John Hardy and Anselm Wall to the King, his Majesty, by Lord Dorchester, declared his pleasure that petitioner's licence to exercise his ministerial function should be revoked until petitioner and John Crabb should answer the charges against them to the satisfaction of the Council. Petitioner and Crabb now attend and pray a hearing. [*Petitioner and Crabb were this day ordered to remain in the messenger's custody until further order. Reg. Concil., Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 199.]

[Oct. 21 ?] 9. Note of words upon state matters spoken by Anthony Harford in a sermon. He said that "*Juvenile consilium, privatum* "*commodum,*" was a coat fit cut for this kingdom.

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Oct. 21. Rochester. 10. Thomas Austen to Nicholas. Recommends Martin Coates for a gunner's place in the Mary Rose. If Nicholas will stand his friend he will be very thankful.

Oct. 21. Peterborough. 11. Justices of Peace for co. Northampton to Francis Nicholls, the Sheriff. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor within the liberty of Peterborough Soke.

Oct. 21. Gillmorton. 12. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester, to the Sheriff. Certificate of presentments made before them concerning the punishment of rogues and vagabonds within the hundred of Goodlaxton.

Oct. 22. Grant of the Precentorship of York to Dr. Stanhope, void by death, and in the King's gift by reason of the vacancy of the see. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 22. 13. Sir Henry Palmer to Nicholas. Being uncertain of Sir Henry Mervyn's going to sea, on whom Capt. Fogg has long depended, the writer recommends that captain for the command of the Second Whelp, now appointed for sea, till they can find some better employment for him.

Oct. 22. 14. Jeffery Kerby to Anne Viscountess Dorchester. Yesterday delivered to Mrs. Pick a gold ring with a diamond stone, fashioned like a heart, and also one from the young Lord Bayning, formerly sent to him at Oxford, and by him returned to be new made up. Has received a letter from Judge Croke, authorizing him to deliver to the Viscountess her letters. Is ready to take his oath that nobody has seen them since they were collected, but himself and her, and that about a year past she took out certain of them, and the rest he put into a leather bag, and hid or buried them in a private place, which nobody knew but himself. They are now at her command.

Oct. 22. Durham. 15. Dr. John Cosin to Bishop Laud. After three days' appearance before the Bishop of Durham, without severe proceedings as he had before resolved, he ended his visitation, and after some orders made for the church, and some proposed, though not enacted, to bring discredit upon them, with an open reproof, and a large declaration of their supposed malice, first against Mr. Smart, and then against the Dean of Durham, and last of all against his Lordship, he dismissed them. All which they have borne with silence and patience, more than was expected. The Dean of Lichfield [Dr. Lindsell], and the writer pray Bishop Laud to move the Bishop of Durham to lay down his displeasure against them, conceived for the discourse they had with Bishop Laud concerning him and the letter. Advantage is likely to be made of his high discontent by Mr. Smart and others, to no good ends. Will ever be observant of Bishop Laud's commands.

Oct. 22. 16. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of South Walsham, Blofield, and Taverham.

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Oct. 23. Grant of office of one of the Barons of the Exchequer, void by death of John Sotherton, to James Pagitt, during pleasure. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 23. The Bonaventure, in Falmouth Harbour. 17. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has spent the week since his coming to Plymouth in the throat of the Channel, between the Lizard and Ushant, in hope of meeting the five sail of French that went from our coast to the Bay of Biscay a little before his coming thither, but now understands they lie between Belle Isle and the Island of Ust, to free the coast from Biscayners. Was forced in here yesterday by a storm. The Castle still continues spending the King's powder in shooting at them as they go in and out. The coast is free at present, not only of pirates, but of all other men-of-war. Will spend some ten or twelve more days on the coast, and then return for the Downs.

Oct. 23. Whitehall. 18. Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery to his Deputy Lieutenants for Wilts. Sends transcript of the letter before calendared, *No.* 6, and requires them to be aiding and assisting to the Sheriff in removing the forcible possession of Clayhill farm.

Oct. 24. 19. Sir Walter Astley to the Council. Certifies that an inclosure of 45 yard lands and a "quarterne," in the manor of Nayleston, co. Leicester, was made by the tenants with his and his late father's consent in November 1628, and appropriated to the tenants in addition to their messuages. There has been no depopulation or alteration of roads. Prays that the inclosure may stand.

Oct. 24. 20. Justices of Peace for Middlesex to the same. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor in the parishes of St. Sepulchre, Clerkenwell, St. Giles's Cripplegate, Islington, Hornsey, Finchley, and Friern Barnet.

Oct. 25. Grant to Richard Wright and Charles Lawrence, of the office of one of the customers at Poole, co. Dorset. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 25. Grant of an almsroom in the cathedral church of Worcester, for William Williams, *alias* Scott. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 25. Chester. 21. William Earl of Derby to the Council. Sends them a letter in the nature of a certificate, from his Deputy Lieuts. of co. Chester. *Incloses,*

21. 1. *Deputy Lieuts. of co. Chester to William Earl of Derby, Lord Lieut. Have caused the trained bands and the gentlemen's forces to be several days trained. The number of men is the same they formerly certified, though the men are far more experienced, the writers having assigned such to serve as are young and of the best ability, and who take delight in that service. The more to encourage them, the writers have caused their arms to be fitted as near as they can to the best modern fashion. Chester,* 1631, *Oct.* 2.

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Oct. 25. Harnom. [Harnham, co. Wilts.] 22. Edmund Lane to Nicholas, whom he addresses as his cousin. Will be with him about the middle of November, and will either stay or go over with "my Lord," as he thinks best.

Oct. 25. Stafford. 23. William Wollaston, Sheriff of co. Stafford, to Sir William Jones, one of the Judges of the King's Bench. Sends inclosed the only certificate received since last term. *Inclosed,*

23. I. *Justices of Peace for co. Stafford to the Sheriff. Certify measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Totmanslow.*

Oct. 25. Reading. 24. Order of the Commissioners for investigating the state of Mr. Kenrick's charities to Reading. The Mayor and Burgesses are required to say when they received Mr. Kenrick's legacies, and to give an account of how the same have been disbursed; the account to be sent to Sir Francis Knollys within three weeks.

Oct. 26. Warrant to pay to Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, and to Sir Sampson Darrell, Surveyor of Marine Victuals, 1,656*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.*, imprest, for setting forth the Swiftsure and the Eighth Lion's Whelp for service in the Narrow Seas, to be manned with 310 men, and victualled for two months. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 26. Warrant to the Lord Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, to give order for payment of such money as they shall find just for his Majesty to pay to several persons to whom the late Earl and the Countess of Castlehaven and Lady Audley stood indebted; and also for payment of moneys expended by Commissioners and others employed for entitling his Majesty to the said Earl's estate; and also for payment of messengers and others in and about the said Earl's estate, with power to give warrant for taking the account of Walter Tite, late steward of the said Earl, and for payment to him of such sums as he hath disbursed; all which moneys are to be paid out of the estate of the said Earl, forfeited to his Majesty. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 26. Denization to Patrick Young, his Majesty's servant. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 26. 25. Petition of Richard Wood, gunner, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has been 35 years a gunner in his Majesty's ships, and last in the Answer, two years past disposed of. Thomas Burleigh, gunner of Warham Sconce, has lately departed. Prays to be appointed to the same.

Oct. 26. 26. Petition of Henry Hall, of Blackwall, smith, to the same. His late father, Richard Hall, was employed for performing certain ironwork to the Navy, and his late uncle, George Hall, and his widow, were formerly employed for ironwork used in Woolwich dockyard. Prays that he may be employed for the ironwork of the

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26. 1. *Officers of the Navy to Nicholas. Certify that Henry Hall is the ablest man to perform the services mentioned in his petition.* 1631, *Oct.* 26.

Oct. 26. His lodgings. 27. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. His Lieutenant's news is, that the Spanish supplies have passed into Dunkirk in 16 galleons, without any impeachment of the Hollanders, on the 18th inst., in the night; also, that the Fifth Whelp's company in Ireland are in a mutiny, which the writer fears is Capt. Hooke's fault, who knows not how to command. The winds fall out cross to go westward, and 'tis high time to think of the Antelope revictualling or coming in. When order is given for either, begs him to let the writer know.

Oct. 26. Wymondham. 28. Henry Berkeley to Sec. Dorchester. Received his letter concerning his Majesty's care of disposing of Lord Purbeck to the custody of his mother. Two days before the receipt of that letter Lord Purbeck took his journey for London, and, being at Barnet, was diverted from his intendment, and brought back to his mother to Whaddon, where he remains. Whilst he was with the writer, his only grief was, that whilst he was with his mother at Whaddon, he was so wrought upon for his religion, as being overcome in their way is now his trouble of conscience, and the only cause of his coming to the writer. For the four years he was previously with the writer, never saw him distempered.

Oct. 26. 29. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Monmouth of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Wentllooge.

Oct. 27. Grant to Sir Robert Killigrew, Vice-Chamberlain to the Queen, in fee-farm of the manor of Cold Kennington *alias* Kempton, with the park of Kempton, co. Middlesex, at the yearly rent of 18*l.* 1*s.*, to commence after the expiration of a former lease made by Queen Elizabeth to William Killigrew, father of the said Sir Robert, with this caution, that he shall maintain the said park stocked with 300 deer for his Majesty's disport. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 27. Warrant to the Master of the Great Wardrobe for allowance for watching liveries for the captain of his Majesty's guard, and for the yeomen, grooms, and pages of his Majesty's chamber, for this seventh year of his Majesty's reign. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 27. Discharge to Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, of 50,027*l.*, taken up and disbursed by him for the expense of his Majesty's journey into Spain; and is as well for discharging Lord Cottington as Alexander Stafford, and all other persons employed in receiving or disbursing thereof. The account touching the said sums was examined by Lord Viscount Savage, Sir Henry Vane, and Sir Francis Crane, appointed by his Majesty, and a

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discharge made to Lord Cottington when the King was Prince, but is now to pass the Great Seal for the better discharge of him and others. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 27. Warrant to pay to Edward Earl of Dorset, Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, 310*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*, to be paid over to the mercer to the Prince and divers other persons, for wares delivered to his Highness' use, due at Michaelmas last. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 27. Grant of an almsroom in Worcester for Thomas Miller. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 27. Grant to Ezekiel Waad, one of the gentlemen of the Chapel Royal, and Susan his wife, of messuages and tenements in Worcester, forfeited to his Majesty by the attainder of Humphrey Nash, in consideration of service, and for that Waad and Humphrey Bache, deceased, late husband of the said Susan, were the first discoverers of the premises, and have entitled his Majesty thereupon at their own charge. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 27. Grant to Francis Lord Cottington, in consideration of 3,500*l.*, of a parcel of land called Braham *alias* Brewcombe Walk, containing 800 acres, being part of the forest of Selwood, co. Somerset, with the lodge and other houses thereupon, lately inclosed and allotted to his Majesty by Commissioners appointed for the disafforestation of the said forest. His Majesty frees the said lands from forest laws, and grants free warren within the same. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 27. Chester. 30. William Earl of Derby to Archbishop Abbot, Lord Keeper Coventry, and the rest of the Commissioners for relief of the Poor. Sends them certificates of Justices of Peace for co. Chester.

Oct. 27. 31. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to John Bainbrigg, the Sheriff. Return of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Gartree.

Oct. 27. 32. Order of Lord Keeper Coventry in a cause in Chancery between Sir John Lambe, plaintiff, and Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, Walter Walker, Richard Pilkington, and John Pregion, defendants, respecting the offices of Commissary and Official of the Archdeaconry of Leicester. Possession of those offices is to remain with the plaintiff until a trial shall pass at law for the defendant Walker.

Oct. 28. 33. Petition of Henry Earl of Kent, and Elizabeth his wife and Countess, to the Council. Petitioners being seised of Penyard Park, in the parish of Ross, co. Hereford, and of Linton's Woods, in the parish of Linton, in the same county, in right of the said Countess and the heirs of her body, with remainders to Aletheia Countess of Arundel and Surrey and Mary Countess dowager of Pembroke, demised the same to Sir John Kirle, of Much Marcle, in the same county, with exception of the timber trees, of which there were then above 20,000. Being in possession, Sir John has felled and

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converted into coal for making iron above 1,800 trees, and still continues to do the like, as is attested by affidavits annexed. Pray that he may be sent for, and commanded to stay cutting in the meanwhile. *Annexed,*

33. I. *Affidavit of Zaccheus Isham as to the contents of the lease granted to Sir John Kirle. Sworn,* 1631, *Oct.* 13.

33. II. *Affidavit of George Bonner, of Ross. Sets forth the nature and extent of Sir John Kirle's cutting of timber in the places above indicated. Sworn,* 1631, *Oct.* 13. [*A close warrant from the Council, directed to Sir John Kirle, commanding his attendance, was issued Oct.* 28. *Reg. Conc., Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 207.]

Oct. 28. 34. Petition of the Bailiffs and others of Great Yarmouth to the Council. It having pleased God to send them a plentiful fishing, they pray licence to export 1,000 last of red herrings in strangers bottoms. [*Licence granted this day. Reg. Conc., Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 213.]

Oct. 28. 35. Petition of William Gomeldon, his Majesty's servant, to the same. In many cities and corporate towns liberal sums were given towards the defence of the Palatinate in 1622, but no certificates were made into the Exchequer and the amounts have ever since been concealed. Prays that a messenger may go to those towns that are faulty, so that they may presently come up and pay the amount. [*Ordered this day that Bristol and other towns should send up certificates of money remaining in their hands within* 20 *days. Reg. Conc., Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 214.]

Oct. 28. 36. Petition of the Master and others of the Company of Shipwrights of Rotherhithe, co. Surrey, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The late King appointed them to survey the timber and workmanship of ships in building, with power to punish for any neglect. About 9 August 1630, a "munger" being in building at William Allen's yard at Wapping, petitioners found some defective timber therein, which they directed to be amended. But Allen contemptuously refused and has arrested John Dearsly, then Master of the Company, for coming upon his ground. Pray that Allen may be sent for to answer his misdemeanors.

Oct. 28. 37. Copy of the same.

Oct. 28. 38. Charges against William Allen, above mentioned, addressed by the Shipwrights' Company to the Lords of the Admiralty.

Oct. 28. 39. Copy of the same.

Oct. 29. Portsmouth. 40. Capt. Francis Coningsby to Sir John Heydon. The Lords having delayed the resolution to send ships after Capt. Mason to convoy the ordnance to the Tower until some of the ships sent with Sir Henry Vane return from the Elbe, Capt. Mason's ship being ready

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he proposes to carry them and assure them safe at the Tower for a mark on each ton. Has made an end of the musters in Hants, and is making haste to return to the Tower.

Oct. 29. 41. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex of measures taken for relief of the poor within the rape of Chichester.

Oct. 31. Grant to George Lord Baltimore (in consideration of his surrender of letters patent formerly granted to him upon the increase of subsidy upon every great pound of raw long silk and raw Morea silk, and of his good service) of a pension of 1,000*l.* per annum, payable out of the impositions of all sorts of wines imported into this kingdom, for 21 years from the feast of Annunciation 1632, with a discharge of 2,000*l.* imprested to him upon the grant of the increase of subsidy upon silk above mentioned. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 31. Warrant to the Earl of Newport for preservation of his Majesty's game within two miles compass of Bewdley and Kidderminster, in co. Worcester. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 31. Grant of an almsroom in the cathedral church of Ely for Jeffery Flanders. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 31. St. Donats. 42. Deputy Lieuts. of co. Glamorgan to the Council. Under directions from the Earl of Bridgewater, Lord Lieut. for that county, they had mustered the forces of that county, which they find in good readiness; only some few of the arms are not yet reduced to the modern fashion. *Inclosed,*

42. I. *Return of musters within co. Glamorgan: able-bodied men,* 1,400*; trained,* 400, *untrained,* 200*; whereof one-half have muskets.*

Oct. 31. 43. George Viscount Chaworth to Sec. Dorchester. Three weeks since he solicited the Sec. to present a letter to his Majesty. The next news he hears from Court is a letter from the Council commanding him to attend them. What the matter is he can no more guess than he that never heard of the Court. His comfort is that his conscience is no tittle guilty. If either his departure was untimely, or the sands of the hour of his misfortune be not run out, he hopes he shall be censured unguilty as well as unhappy. Solicits his good word to the King.

Oct. 31. 44. Memorandum for a warrant of the Lords of the Admiralty for embarking the servants and goods of the Marquis of Santa Cruz; 36 persons with 25 cases and trunks.

Oct. 31. 45. Note by Stephen Alcock of the time up to which the Bonaventure, the Antelope, the St. Claude, the First Whelp, and the Garland are victualled.

Oct. 31. Westminster. 46. William Boswell to Julian Calandrini. Has recorded an inclosed certificate of the town of Stade procured by Mr. Longstone,

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Calandrini may therefore pursue the order of the Council of the 9th June last for payment of Mr. Longstone out of Colonel Swinton's pay.

Oct. 31. 47. Summons of William Noy and Peter Ball, to whom the Lord Keeper, the Lord Privy Seal, and Sec. Coke had referred the examination of the fees received at the signet and privy seal for a wine licence, to the Clerks of the signet and privy seal to attend them at Lincoln's Inn Hall on the 4th November next.

Oct. 31. Guisley. 48. Consent of Robert More, Rector of Guisley, co. York, that Mr. Francis Layton sometime of Rawdon, in the parish of Guisley, may build and endow a chapel in Rawdon without prejudice to the rights of the rectory of Guisley.

Oct. 49. Petition of Gottshalck Barr, the King's servant, to the King. Almost half a year since petitioner "by his skill and instruments" obtained the King's promise to take him into his Majesty's service and allow him a pension of 200*l.* per annum. The bill for his pension has passed the signet and privy seal, but is stopped by the Lord Treasurer at the Great Seal, as if 100*l.* would be sufficient, and no precedent for more. Prays that if it be unfit to grant the 200*l.*, 100*l.* may be paid in money and 100*l.* as an allowance for apparel and diet.

Oct. 50. Justices of Peace for Devon to the Council. On the petition of the commons of that county, with the merchant owners of shipping, the writers present their grievances and the miseries like to befal those parts should the citizens of London obtain a charter for sole trading into Spain, or should the restraint of transportation of pilchards in aliens bottoms be continued. Their commons are engaged as fishermen and in the manufacture of wool, both which they anticipate will decay, and the customs be lessened. Intreat that they may enjoy freedom of trade according to law. [*Perhaps the petition referred to in Vol.* cci., *No.* 30.]

Oct. 51. Katherine Duchess of Buckingham to Nicholas. Begs him to speak to the Lords of the Admiralty for poor William Kifferd, who was the Duke's servant and had a grant of the place of the Duke, if he had lived.

Oct. 52. Justices of the Peace for co. Leicester to John Bainbrigg, the Sheriff. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundred of Framland.

[Oct. ?] 53. Certificate of Mayor and others of St. Alban's of measures taken with the same object within that borough.

[Oct. ?] 54. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Francis Bradshaw, the Sheriff. Certify similar measures taken within the wapentake of Wirksworth.

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1631. Oct. 55. Account of the muster of the trained forces of Devon, taken 14th July 1631. The number of trained soldiers within that county besides tinners of Exeter and those of Plymouth, Dartmouth, and Barnstaple, was 6,368, whereof pikes 2,438, muskets 3,930.

[Oct. ?] 56. Demurrer of Sir John Lambe, defendant to the bill of John Pregion, plaintiff. The defendant alleges that it is the scope of the plaintiff's bill to draw him to confess matter which would bring him within the compass of a Statute of 5 Edward VI., against the sale of any office which concerns the administration of justice.

[Oct. ?] 57. Concluding part of the original draft of the preceding demurrer.

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Nov. 2. Hamoaze, near Plymouth. 1. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reports various defects in the St. Claude, which render her unfit for present service. The Admiral [Capt. Pennington] was last night off the Sound, and intends to ply off the Start until Ketelby joins him. Will bring his ship about for the Downs, and await orders. No new note of any pirates.

Nov. 2. Near Plymouth. 2. The same to Nicholas. Repeats information in the preceding letter. Hears of none in those parts that disturb the free trade of his Majesty's subjects more than the Captain of Pendennis Castle, for he is at peace with neither King's ship nor others; both the Admiral and the writer have been twice shot at by him, going in and coming out. The last shot fell in the town of St. Mawes, but by chance hurt only one woman. Sir James Bagg is now in reasonable health, and will be able to travel next week.

Nov. 2. Chatham. 3. Sir Henry Palmer to the same. Begs him to prefer the petition of the Masters of Attendance for an increase of their entertainment. Also to know the pleasure of the Lords, whether such as give daily attendance on the King's service shall not be excused from bearing offices of constables and the like.

Nov. 2. Carleton, [co. York.] 4. Stephen Foster to Sir Philiberto Vernatti. The waters overflow all Sir Philiberto's grounds at Carleton, except certain pieces. His goods had been saved, except one sheep that was drowned. The rising of the waters was sudden. On Saturday at noon, they were four feet beneath the lowest of the banks, and at midnight overflowed the banks a foot high. The inhabitants refuse to subscribe the inclosed writing. They are a very stubborn and perverse people, and refuse all help even to the lending of a spade. Advises him to leave Carleton, rather than be subject to such losses, and live among such uncharitable neighbours.

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Nov. 2. Denton, [near Oxford.] 5. Bishop Piers, of Peterborough, to ———. Is returning to the Archbishop of Canterbury the moneys collected in his diocese for the distressed ministers of the Palatinate, but wants the moneys upon the first collection in 1628, for the seven deaneries on the west side of his diocese. Begs him to send the money, and an account.

Nov. 2/12. St. Sebastian. 6. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Reports his recovery and sends good wishes. Sends a beaver to be new dressed and dyed. In a P.S., dated $\frac{1}{2}\frac{0}{0}$ inst., mentions that he has sent a gold hatband and ring, and writes for a good mastiff dog, two close stools, a piece of Bristol stuff to hang his chamber, and Spanish cloth for a suit.

Nov. 3. Westminster. Grant to Peter Heylyn, B.D., one of the King's Chaplains in ordinary, of a prebend in the church of St. Peter, Westminster, void by the death of George Darrell. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 60.]

Nov. 3. Prinknash. 7. Sir John Bridgeman and others, Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for trial of the rioters in the Forest of Dean, to the Council. On 17th October they held their fourth session; mention the cases of William Vertue, John Knight, Matthew Ambrose, for abetting. Indictments found against fourscore and six of the actual rioters. If the Sheriff performs his duty, no doubt many of the offenders will be brought in against their next sitting.

Nov. 4. Westminster. Warrant to remit to Sir Hugh Middleton 1,290*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.*, due to the King for his moiety of the arrears of rents of the waterworks from Amwell and Chadwell to London, Sir Hugh Middleton having undertaken to Sir James Weston, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, to pay a constant yearly rent of 500*l.* from Michaelmas 1630. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 61.]

Nov. 4. Thorne, [co. York.] 8. Hugo Spiering to Sec. Dorchester. Again offers his services to consider whether the Thames may be made navigable from Oxford to London. The present is the best time to take a view.

Nov. 4. Taunton. 9. Mayor and another of Taunton to Sir Francis Dodington, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Reports price of corn in their market on Saturday, 29th October. Wheat 5*s.* to 5*s.* 8*d.* per bushel.

Nov. 4. 10. Particular of lands and tenths belonging to Francis Lord Cottington, which lie within the manor of Battle, co. Berks. [*Indorsed as relating to "the meadows at Reading."*]

Nov. 5. Westminster. Licence to the Dean and Chapter of Bangor to elect a Bishop, that see being void by the death of the late incumbent. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 62.]

Nov. 5. The Tower. 11. Capt. Francis Coningsby to Nicholas. A Whelp and a ketch are to go to Portsmouth with provisions for the Swiftsure. Their return will be a fit opportunity for transporting the ordnance that is to come from thence. Begs him to move the Lords thereon.

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Nov. 7. Westminster. Presentation of Thomas Turner, B.D., one of the King's Chaplains in ordinary, to the rectory of St. Olave's, Southwark, void by the death of the last incumbent. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 63.]

Nov. 7. 12. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Have collected the names of all persons who are in arrear for wages for service in the King's own ships, or in merchants' ships employed in his service, and find the amount to be 21,480*l.* 13*s.* 6*d.*, exclusive of bills for freight, but including the surplusage due to the Treasurer on his account for 1630. [*Copy.*]

[Nov. 7 ?] 13. James Earl of Carlisle to Sir Henry Vane. His affairs are in the state himself could desire; his person and virtues loved by his master, and honoured by his friends; his lady and children well. Desires to know something of his opinion of that Dragon King.

Nov. 7/17. Paris. 14. Richard Browne to Sec. Dorchester. Sends particular account of trees in which he has expended the 300*l.* received from Burlamachi. Has consigned them to Mr. Bogan, at Rouen. Hopes the Sec. will live long to see their fruit. *Inclosed,*

14. I. *Account above mentioned.*

Nov. 7/17. 15. Duplicate of the preceding letter, but without the inclosure.

Nov. 7. Denton. 16. Bishop Piers, of Peterborough, to ———. Since it cannot yet appear where the briefs are of the first collection for the Palatinians in the seven deaneries on the Northampton side, prays the person addressed to pay the 50*l.* 12*s.*, which is in his hands, to Philip King, auditor of Christ-church, Oxford. He will pay it to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Nov. 7. 17. Sir Edward Baynton to John Toppe, Sheriff of Wilts. Will use his best endeavours that Capt. William Wallis may attend him.

Nov. 7. 18. Roger Manners, Justice of Peace for co. Derby, to Francis Bradshaw, the Sheriff. Mr. Bullock has removed from the hundred of Scarsedale, and Mr. Edward Revell has been inforced to keep within doors. Being deprived of the aid of these gentlemen, he does not esteem himself warranted to proceed in the execution of the Book of Orders.

Nov. 8. Whitehall. Proclamation inhibiting the resort of his Majesty's people to the Court, for cure of the King's evil, until the middle of Lent, and to restrain the access of others from infected places. [*Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 147.]

Nov. 8. Sherborne. 19. John Earl of Bristol to Sec. Dorchester. Thanks for the Sec.'s noble usage of him, and assurance of his readiness to do the Sec. any service in his power.

Nov. 8/18. Rotterdam. 20. Robert Powlett to Nicholas. Complains that since Sir Dudley Carleton left that country, a cause in an Admiralty Court in Holland has been delayed by mere pretences. Begs him to move the Lords of the Admiralty on his behalf.

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Nov. 9. Westminster. Grant to the Mayor, Bailiffs, and Burgesses of Cambridge of new incorporation, being a confirmation of their former charters, with some additions. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 64.]

Nov. 9. The Tower. 21. Sir William Balfour to Sec. Dorchester. Made bold to move him on behalf of Mr. Poe at Woodstock. Understands that Mr. Boswell has made his report, and therefore renews his suit for furthering Poe's dispatch.

Nov. 9. Cecil House, in the Strand. 22. Edward Viscount Wimbledon to William Boswell. Desires him to send a messenger to warn John Phillips, a glover in Golden Lane, in Bell Alley, who has been a soldier in Jersey, to come before the writer on Saturday next to answer some things which will be objected against him.

Nov. 9. Godolphin. 23. Sir Francis Godolphin to Nicholas. Is sorry that the writer's nephew, Capt. Bassett, did not acquaint Nicholas with the examinations of Brumfield and Roach and the rest. Bassett gave them to Mr. Wyan in the Admiralty Office. Wishes these persons were brought to their trials, which were much more charitable than to let them starve in prison. Good reports of Brumfield from Biscay, but the writer does not know what Lord Cottington has against him. Their bark and pillage is of little worth. Sends account of his disbursements, and if they are convicted hopes the bark and goods will fall to the writer's lot. Joys with Nicholas to know that Mr. Noy is Attorney General. *Inclosed,*

23. I. *Account of disbursements above mentioned.*

Nov. 10. The Bonaventure. 24. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Extreme foul weather. Damage done to the St. Claude. Has kept the Channel and ranged all our coast, and looked into every bay where any pirates might lurk. None have been on the coast for six weeks. Dunkirkers ride in our harbours under the names and colours of Hollanders until any Hollanders come in or out, and then they clap them aboard presently, or set sail with them and do it as soon as they are out. The French ships that were on our coast are in the Bay of Biscay, and six others of that King's ships under Mons. Rasille, who pillage all nations. The ships at Havre de Grace and St. Malo are unrigging for the winter. A great ship was cast away on Friday last on the south side of the Isle of Wight. She was beaten all to pieces and all her men drowned. Conceives she was an English ship from Malaga laden with fruit. Has come to an anchor in the Downs, where there is a large fleet much tottered [*sic*] and torn with the foul weather.

Nov. 10. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 25. The same to Nicholas. Longs to hear from him. Is informed the Swiftsure is making ready and victuals provided for her for two months. Begs him to write for what service and who is to command her. By the end of his victualling his ship should come in for she is exceeding foul.

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Nov. 10. Penshurst. 26. Robert Earl of Leicester to Sec. Dorchester. His wife and he have divided the Sec.'s commands between them. She undertakes the eating, he the drinking part. To the cornelians she has added some guime [?], which they say is wholesome. The wormwood beer is not altogether so good as that which the Sec. tasted. Wishes he may speedily recover.

Nov. 10. Trethurffe. 27. Sir William Courteney to Henry Earl of Danby. Sent for Ensign Ware, who pretended that he gave but a bill to Colonel Farroe, to receive his money for him. Ultimately agreed to refer the matter solely to the writer, but having written to him to bring money with him, or else the writer could conclude of no end, since then he had not heard of Ensign Ware.

Nov. 10. 28. Inventory by William Drake of the Admiralty tenths of the prize ships, the Fortune, of Hamburgh; the Fly, of Terceiras; and the Frances; taken between December 1629 and January 1631.

Nov. 10. 29. Similar inventories by Sir John Drake of "the Souls of "Purgatory"; iron cast ashore at Portland; sugar brought into Weymouth by the Willing Mind, and the Louis, of Nantes.

Nov. 10. 30. Sentence of the High Commission Court against John Vicars, rector of St. Mary the Virgin in Stamford, co. Lincoln, in a suit instituted by John Stubs. Vicars was found to have established a conventicle at Stamford for preaching and praying, and to have uttered in St. Mary's Church various false and schismatical doctrines, contrary to the true doctrine of the Anglican Church and to the orthodox faith. He was sentenced to be deprived of his benefice and degraded from the clerical function. Lat.

Nov. 11. 31. Account of services performed for his Majesty from 6th May to 11th Nov. 1631, by Matthew De Quester, being a list of foreign packets conveyed by him by post. Total charge, 117*l.* 8*s.*

Nov. 12. 32. Notes by Nicholas of business to be considered by the Lords of the Admiralty. Among the matters mentioned are Sir Francis Stewart's business; the saltpetremen's petition; Capt. Plumleigh's desire for instructions respecting ships which refuse to strike their flag till they are shot at, and then will not come aboard; Capt. Pennington's letters; transport of ordnance stores from Portsmouth; whether the St. Claude shall come to Chatham; the Charles pinnace being returned from the north-west passage, to resolve whether she shall be taken again into the King's service.

Nov. 12. 33. Estimate of the charge of timber for construction of three ships of war of 500 tons each; total 12,713*l.* 8*s.*

Nov. 12. 34. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex, as to measures for relief of the poor within the rape of Arundel.

Nov. 12. 35. Receipt of Dr. William Juxon for 20*l.* paid by Bishop Laud, toward the charge of his buildings in St. John's College, Oxford.

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Nov. 14. Westminster. Pardon to Anne Countess of Castlehaven, for all offences of adultery, fornication, and incontinency. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 65.]

Nov. 14. 36. Sir Ralph Dutton, Sheriff of Gloucester, to the Council. In reply to a letter in which he had been complained of as unwilling to arrest the rioters in the Forest of Dean, he recounts all his endeavours and their results. John Williams, called by the name of Skimmington, had eluded all search for him. The writer protests his desire to do his duty, but "in regard of Severn on the one side, "and the river Wye and the other two shires on the other side, "and the hills, woods, mine pits, and coal pits where they dwell, "the apprehending of them becomes very difficult, and must be "effected only by policy, never by strength."

Nov. 14. Berg. 37. William Baker, Sheriff of co. Monmouth, to Sir William Jones and Sir James Whitelock, Justices of Assize for that county. Sends a certificate from Justices of Peace dated 6th instant.

Nov. 14. 38. Endymion Porter to Capt. Royden. The proposition made by Mr. Elliott for raising a royal regiment for the King's greater security, is so pleasing to his Majesty, that he desires nothing more than to see a thousand well affected persons united and incorporated in such an honourable way. If the King shall appoint the writer their colonel, he will make known the forwardness of the person, or, as it would seem, persons addressed, not only in this action, but their hearty affection to the King's service when he was Prince of Wales, and their late readiness to wait upon the Polish Ambassador. Will also be careful that no man be received into the royal regiment but such as by birth, estate, and quality are worthy of that honour. *Prefixed,*

38. I. *Statement of the honours and privileges that every man shall enjoy that is allowed to be of his Majesty's Royal Regiment or Selected Guard.*

Nov. 14. 39. Account rendered by the Mayor and others of Reading of the sums received by them for legacies left for the benefit of that town by John Kenrick, and to what purposes they have disbursed the same. The legacies amounted to 8,350*l.* [*Marginal notes by Francis Windebank*]

Nov. 15. Westminster. Grant to Sir Hugh Middleton, of the King's moiety of the benefit of the New River water, on payment of 500*l.* per annum to the Crown, 500*l.* for the past year, and an annuity of 100*l.* to Mr. Ball for his life, as surveyor of the waterworks, together with a covenant that the Council shall assist the New River Company and punish offenders against their privileges. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 66.]

Nov. 15. Westminster. Presentation of George Stanhope, D.D., one of the King's Chaplains in ordinary, to the prebend of Driffield, in the cathedral of York, void by the death of the last incumbent. [*Ibid., No.* 67.]

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Nov. 16. Whitehall. 40. Order of Council. A youth, called Fleming, third brother of Lord Slaney of Ireland, having been apprehended in company of a priest and a Jesuit, who would have conveyed him to one of the English Roman Catholic colleges abroad, he was delivered to Sir Robert Dallington, Master of Sutton's Hospital. The remainder of 9*l.* odd found among them is to be delivered to Sir Robert Dallington, and the apparel belonging to the priest and Jesuit to them.

Nov. 16. Chippenham. 41. Justices of Peace for Wilts to the Council. Within the hundreds of Chippenham, Malmesbury, Calne, and Damerham North, there is no corn hoarded of last year's store, nor any combination to keep up prices. The price of corn is now reasonable.

Nov. 16. 42. Justices of Peace for Dorset to the same. In the Sherborne division 180 bushels of grain remain of last year's store, not kept up by any hoarders, but by such as kept small proportions for their own spending. They have been blessed with a plentiful harvest this year.

Nov. 16. 43. Petition of John Milton to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner was deputy saltpetreman for cos. York, Durham, and Northumberland, and disbursed about 200*l.*, and had loss by sea of 80*l.* He was displaced by John Giffard, who promised petitioner that he should have the working under him, and thereupon had 10*l.*, as he said for the charge of the patent, but afterwards, by their Lordships' consent, placed William Richardson therein. Prays order for Giffard to repay the 10*l.*, and that they would restore petitioner to his place.

Nov. 16. 44. Petition of William Richardson, the younger, to the same. Petitioner was deputy saltpetreman for cos. Worcester, Hereford, and Salop, and disbursed above 300*l.* At the last renewing Thomas Hilliard undertook petitioner's place, and afterwards exchanged with John Giffard for co. Somerset. Hilliard being in question and Giffard willing to leave the said cos. for Somerset again, petitioner prays that Hilliard's place or some other may be bestowed on him.

Nov. 16. 45. Nicholas to Stephen Alcock. The referees met this day to consider how to give satisfaction to the Council concerning Sir Allen Apsley's creditors, but Alcock's other occasions having prevented his attendance, they put off the conclusion of the business until that day sen'night, when they desire him not to fail to attend.

Nov. $\frac{16.}{26.}$ The Hague. 46. Robert Powlett to Nicholas. Further particulars of the injustice with which his cause was treated by the Burgomasters of Rotterdam, and the unpopularity there of the English nation. Mr. Pollhill, who goes for England, will at large inform him. Entreats him to move the Lords of the Admiralty thereon.

Nov. 16. Oxford. 47. William Willoughby to the same. Prays him to present his petition. Lord Lindsey and Sec. Coke promised that they would further it.

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Nov. 17. 48. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to the Council. Within the hundreds of Williton, Freemanors, and Carhampton there was little or no corn remaining before the last harvest. The late liberty taken to transport corn into Ireland, and under colour thereof, as is thought, into foreign countries, wholly exhausted the old store. Prices have fallen in wheat from 10*s.* a bushel to 6*s.*, and when the time of sowing is overpast, and the husbandmen have time to thresh, the prices will fall farther. There is much suspicion of secret transportation, but no proof of anything of the kind, except in the case of Sylvester Bickham, as appears by the inclosed examinations. *Inclosed,*

48. I. *Examination of Sylvester Bickham. He bought* 24 *bushels of pease for Mr. Withridge, of Barnstaple, and the same are now aboard a bark at Watchet Quay.* 1631, *Nov.* 10.

48. II. *Information of Richard Lucas, of Watchet, who, being deputed by Mr. Norris, Customer, to see what is brought in and carried out of the harbour, states the circumstances under which Bickham put* 24 *bushels of pease aboard the boat of Thomas Stevens, with which the boat put to sea.* 1631, *Nov.* 15.

Nov. 17. 49. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Salop, of the number of vagrants punished and conveyed, as presented to them this day by the constables of five of the allotments of the North part of the hundred of Bradford.

[Nov. 18.] Restitution of the temporalities of the Bishopric of Bangor to David Dolben, D.D., on his election to that see. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 68.]

Nov. 18. Westminster. 50. The King to the Keeper of the prison of the Clink. Warrant to enlarge Richard Salum, and deliver him to Du Moulin, a French gentleman, to be transported beyond seas.

Nov. 18. 51. Deputy Lieuts. of co. Buckingham to Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Lieutenant. Send certificate of those who have neglected their service at the musters, and those who have refused to pay the muster-master's entertainment. *Inclosed,*

51. I. *The certificate above mentioned. Among the defaulters for the muster-master's entertainment in Aylesbury hundred is John Fleetwood, of Great Missenden; in Ashendon, Edward Bulstrode, of Chilton; in Burnham, William Pen, of Penn; in Stoke, the constables of Chalfont St. Giles and St. Peter, and Francis Pope, of Chalfont.*

Nov. 18. Gillmorton. 52. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate that the constables of the towns in the hundred of Goodlaxton had duly made their presentments.

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Nov. 19. Westminster. Licence to the East India Company to take up 30,000*l.* in foreign gold, and to export the same in their next voyage. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 69.]

Nov. 19. 53. Minutes, in the handwriting of Sec. Coke, of resolutions to be proposed to or passed by the Committee for Fishing, principally intended to guard against interference with the poor fishermen at present living at the places where the fishing is to be carried on. The King is requested to lay down regulations for the Company in this respect.

Nov. 19. 54. Draft, in the handwriting of the King, of a regulation for settlement of the question mentioned in the preceding article. The Scottish Commissioners had desired that certain places might be reserved from the common Association. The King suggests that it is a fitter way to take the existing fishermen into the service of the Association, with an understanding that no others should be employed to fish in the places alluded to except it be found on inquiry that those places would admit more, in which case the addition is to be made by the grand committee, compounded equally of both nations. [*This draft seems to have been framed and altered altogether by the King himself.*]

Nov. 19. Suckley Wigor. 55. John Racster to Sec. Dorchester. Prays him to speak to Sir Nathaniel Brent for his lawful favour in a cause between Clement Writer and Racster, and also to intercede with the Dean and Chapter of Westminster, that Racster's son may have the vicarage of Longdon, co. Worcester.

Nov. 20. 56. Justices of Peace for co. Devon to the Council. The late high prices were not the result of any combination among the corn-masters in the hundreds of Harridge, Bampton, Hemyock, Halberton, and Tiverton. No old corn hoarded up there by any man. The price of corn grew from scarcity. They have caused some regrators to be severely punished, and will observe their commands to prevent transportation.

Nov. 20 Ragley. 57. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Sends him 80*l.* Has paid Lady Huncks 25*l.* She sets forward next week. Lord Brooke has not sent any one to be resident.

Nov. 21. Carmarthen. 58. Richard Vaughan, Sheriff of co. Carmarthen, to the Council. On receipt of their letter of the 31st January last, he apportioned the Justices of Peace in the manner mentioned in the inclosed schedule, and has been certified from time to time of their proceedings in comformity with the instructions of the Council. *Inclosed,*

58. I. *Names of Justices of Peace for co. Carmarthen, with their respective divisions.*

Nov. 21. Dorchester. 59. Justices of Peace for co. Dorset to the same. Cannot find that any store of corn has been hoarded up within the division of Dorchester. Husbandmen say, that when the corn is threshed,

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prices will fall, and that when barley is under 2*s.* 6*d.* per bushel and wheat under 5*s.*, the husbandman cannot well maintain his tillage at the present prices of all other necessaries. Barley is now 3*s.*, wheat 5*s.*

Nov. 21. 60. Other Justices of co. Dorset to the Council. No corn hoarded up within the division of Bridport. Corn was raised to so high price at the end of last year by the interference of the Justices, and the suspicion of want thereby excited. Best wheat is now at 5*s.* 6*d.* per bushel, and barley at 3*s.* Beg them not to press too hard upon the poor husbandman, who toils and takes much pains, stands at high rents, buys all things at a dearer hand, almost by half than in former times, all foreign commodities, salt especially, being at such extraordinary prices. Great quantities of corn have been of late years gotten out of barren grounds by improvement of marl and lime, which is done with excessive charge. Any transportation into foreign countries shall be certified.

Nov. 21. Rotterdam. 61. Robert Powlett to Nicholas. Mr. Pollhill being detained, the writer sends his letter of the 16th inst., and again urges the interference of the Lords of the Admiralty on his behalf. Sends copy of the provisional sentence of the Admiralty of Rotterdam.

Nov. 22. St. James's. Proclamation concerning the trade of Guinea and Binney in the parts of Africa. By letters patent dated 25th June last, the King granted to Sir Richard Young, Sir Kenelm Digby, George Kirke, Humphrey Slaney, Nicholas Crispe, and William Clobery, the sole trade to Guinea, Binney, and Angola for 31 years, and forbids all other his subjects to visit the same or import therefrom any red wood, elephants' teeth, hides, wax, gums or grains of those countries. [*Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 148.]

Nov. 22. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 62. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Dorchester. The St. Claude came in there on Saturday last from Plymouth. She met a Holland ship that was come from Farnumbuck [Pernambuco], who gave information of a great fight between the Spaniards and the Hollanders on the coast of Brazil. A great fleet is come out from Bordeaux. Furious storm, in which many ships in the Downs have received much damage.

Nov. 22. Deptford. 63. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Recommends James Cooke, son of the boatswain of the Bear, and brother of William Cooke, one of the Four masters, for boatswain of the Happy Entrance, or any ship of that rate.

Nov. 23. 64. Justices of Peace for co. Devon to the Council. The old corn with some difficulty brought in the new in the hundreds of Haytor, Lingbridge, part of Exminster, and Wonford South. Best wheat sold that day in the market of Newton at 7*s.* 6*d.* the bushel of 13 gallons. Hope they shall have no cause to put the King's instructions of last year in execution.

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Nov. 23. Ilminster. 65. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to the Council. No man in that division had above five or six bushels of old corn when they reaped the new, excepting Walter Atkins, of Winsham, who has been presented for having about 60 bushels yet remaining. Wheat at 5*s.* a bushel, Winchester measure.

Nov. 23. Faversham. 66. Mayor and others of Faversham to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk. Send examination of English and Irish sailors found in the [Spanish] frigate formerly mentioned to him. They have stayed these sailors. The frigate now lies within the liberty of the town. *Inclosed,*

66. I. *Notes of examinations of three Irish and two English sailors above alluded to.*

Nov. 24. 67. Justices of Peace for Devon to the Council. No hoarding of corn, nor any combination or practice to keep up the price, within the hundreds of Colrudge, Stamborough, Ermington, and Plympton.

Nov. 24. 68. William Cooke, Henry Goddard, and others, to the Lords of the Admiralty, Certify the sufficiency of John Honting, boatswain, formerly of one of the gallies, and afterwards of one of the Lion's Whelps, and of the pinnace, the Charles.

Nov. 25. Tavistock. 69. Justices of Peace for Devon to the Council. No hoarding of last year's corn, nor any combination to keep up the price, within the hundreds of Roborough, Tavistock, and Lifton.

Nov. 25. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. 70. Dr. Henry Butts to Sec. Dorchester. Sir Myriel has ever been favoured by the writer, for his father's sake as well as his own, but the particular mentioned by the Sec. is too poor a thing to be desired by him, and unfit to be done by the College at this time. As soon as certain persons who have a priority are fixed he will do his best for Sir Myriel.

Nov. 25. 71. Minute of proceeding before the Lords of the Admiralty. Sir William Killigrew, Captain of Pendennis Castle, having been sent for on the complaint of Capt. Pennington, appeared, and having been rebuked for shooting at the King's ships, upon submission was discharged with strict command never more to offend in that kind.

Nov. 25. 72. Petition of John Corseley and William Baber to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners were brought up by warrant about a fortnight past from Bristol by Robert Smith, messenger. Pray for a hearing or dismissal.

Nov. 25. 73. Sir Richard Sutton, Capt. John Mason, and George Bingley to [the Council of War?]. Report on the claims of Lord Valentia for arrears due to him as Master of the Ordnance in the expedition to Cadiz.

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Nov. 25. 74. Extracts from Exchequer accounts of payments to Sir Anthony Pell, master surveyor and keeper of the King's Mews for Hawks, at 30*l.* per month for the wages of himself and others engaged in that service: the payments were 132*l.* on 31 Dec. 1629; 250*l.* on 26 July 1630; 132*l.* this day. Lat.

Nov. 25. / Dec. 5. St. Sebastian. 75. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. If any ship should come before Christmas, begs him to send the articles for which he wrote in his last.

Nov. 26. Blandford. 76. Justices of Peace for co. Dorset to the Council. No store of grain remaining of last year's growth, nor any combination to keep up the price, within the division of Shaston and Blandford.

Nov. 26. 77. Justices of Peace for Herts to the same. Report measures for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey.

Nov. 26. 78. The same to the same. No old store of corn left in the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey. The farmers have not yet threshed out their corn. Wheat 4*s.* 2*d.* the bushel.

Nov. 26. Whitehall. 79. Lords of the Admiralty to ———. A Spanish ship in some road or port near Plymouth dares not put to sea by reason of some States men-of-war that ride thereabouts. The person addressed is to take order that according to the practice of former times she be suffered quietly to depart to sea two or three tides before any man-of-war of the States, so that she may be free from pursuit. [*Minute.*] *Annexed,*

79. I. *Extract from a proclamation of James I., dated March* 1, 1605, *which prescribes the regulation above mentioned, vizt., that where ships of foreign nations at war with each other come into an English harbour, the one shall be suffered to depart two or three tides before the other.*

Nov. 26. Whitehall. The same to Sir James Bagg. He is to take order that there be not henceforth any shot made from the castle or fort under his command at any of his Majesty's ships, albeit they pass near the same with their flags on the top of any of their masts, they being as absolutely his Majesty's castles or forts, though floating, as that under his command. (*See the present Vol., No.* 71.)

Nov. 26. 80. Petition of Jane, widow of Philip Spicer, late boatswain of the Happy Entrance, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth her husband's services, and prays for an allowance out of the common chest.

Nov. 26. Whitehall. 81. The Lords of the Admiralty to Attorney General Noy. In consequence of a letter inclosed [*probably Vol.* cc., *No.* 26.], they had sent for John Corseley and William Baber. They have discovered much abuse, to the prejudice of the King's service and wronging of the country. Refer them to the Attorney General to examine and prosecute them as he may see fit. [*Copy.*]

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Nov. 26. 82. Minutes by Nicholas of Admiralty business to be transacted. Among the matters mentioned are letters to be sent to all keepers ofcastles to prohibit them shooting at King's ships; Sir Francis Stewart's business, and several others which have been many months in Nicholas's hands; Mr. Griffith's letter (*Vol.* cxcvi., *No.* 2.) in reference to which Sir Henry Marten had said that pirates were to have no clergy, and those that buy of them are accessaries; return of the Charles from the north-west passage; Capt. Pennington's letters respecting the Dunkirkers lying in wait for the Hollanders, and the service of Englishmen and Irishmen aboard Dunkirk ships.

Nov. 27. 83. Justices of Peace for Devon to the Council. Return that there had not been any hoarding or transportation of corn in a division of that county not named.

Nov. 27. 84. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Hertford that there was not so much old corn in the division of Hertford and Braughin as would supply present occasions during seed time. Wheat was at 4*s.* 4*d.*, and rye at 3*s.* 2*d.* the bushel.

Nov. 28. Westminster. Royal assent to the election of Francis White, Bishop of Norwich, to be Bishop of Ely. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 70.]

Nov. 28. Westminster. Charter to the town of Grantham, co. Lincoln, confirming all their ancient charters, and granting them additional privileges. [*Ibid., No.* 71.]

Nov. 28. Westminster. 85. The King to Sir Thomas Richardson, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, Sir Robert Heath, Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, and Sir Humphrey Davenport, Chief Baron of the Exchequer. The late King signified his pleasure to the Judges of the Courts at Westminster that they should not grant prohibitions for any that should detain tithes from Trinity College, Cambridge, under pretence of privileges from the late Cistercian order in England. The inhabitants of Gaughway being lately questioned for tithes in the Ecclesiastical Court of York, have procured a prohibition to bring the trial to the common law. It is the King's pleasure that they should recall the prohibition in this case, and abstain from granting any similar prohibition in future. [*Copy.*]

Nov. 28. 86. Sir George Vernon and Sir James Weston, Barons of the Exchequer, to the Council. Report on a petition of Henry Edlin against Sir Francis Leigh, touching the supposed rescue of Humphrey Hayward. Edlin had failed to bring before them his petition and reference, wherefore they had been unable to proceed.

Nov. 28. 87. Justices of Peace for co. Wilts to the same. No corn hoarded up in the division of Sarum. [*Much mutilated.*]

Nov. 28. Milverton. 88. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to the same. No hoarding of corn, combination, or secret transportation, within the hundred of Milverton, and the four western tythings of Kingsbury East.

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Nov. 28. 89. Justices of Peace for co. Essex to the Council. Similar return for the hundred of Lexden, and the half hundreds of Winstry, Thurstable, and Witham.

Nov. 28. Oxford. 90. Bishop Howson, of Durham, to Bishop Laud. Received at Darlington, on the 14th November, letters from his Majesty, requiring him to give restitution to Mr. Alvey into Dr. Jackson's vicarage at Newcastle, which was done before those letters came. His Majesty also required Bishop Howson to desist from his proceeding against Dr. Lindsell and Dr. Cosin, upon pretence of ordering the public prayers, wherein his Majesty has been misinformed. States what orders he had made in his visitation. Conceives that he has suffered more than ever was offered to a Bishop of Durham, and thinks it strange that he should suffer and they complain. Cannot conceive how their erroneous informations should come to his Majesty's ears but by his predecessor, whose three chaplains they concern. Received a letter from the Lord President of the North, full of like misinformation. Hopes Bishop Laud is acquainted with the business, and the writer's sudden brief answer. Recapitulates the remarks he had made respecting Lindsell and Cosin at the conclusion of his visitation, which he hopes will effect a moderate reformation in them. On the 26th inst. came into Oxford after 13 days' travel, whereof seven were plentiful of storms, snow, hail, rain, great winds and high waters, and they harbour at Oxford, to refresh themselves and their horses, and repair the coach, which began to be at fault. Enjoys with great delight the reformation of his mother, that worthy university. Begs him to inform his Majesty that things are much mistaken respecting Dr. Cosin.

Nov. 28. Bromley. 91. Justices of Peace for Kent to Sir Robert Lewkenor, Sheriff of that county. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundred of Bromley and Beckenham. [*Very much mutilated.*]

Nov. 28. 92. Testimony of Anthony Robinson, of Griff, near Coventry, respecting the drowning of the coal mines at that place by malicious contrivance, as it is contended, on the part of Thomas Robinson and John Buggs, farmers of the coal mines at Bedworth.

Nov. 28. 93. Similar testimony of George Pegg, as to what he saw and heard about drowning out the Coventry men's pits.

[Nov. 28.] 94. Similar testimony of Edward Cooper.

Nov. 29. Epping. 95. Justices of Peace for Essex to the Council. No corn of last year in store, nor any combination to raise the price, in the division of Ongar, Harlow, and Waltham. [*Very much mutilated.*]

Nov. 29. 96. Order of the Court of Star Chamber in a cause between the Attorney General against Hercules Taylor and others, the

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rioters of Braydon Forest. It is ordered that Richard Woodroffe, the elder, and four others, shall be apprehended for contempts and misdemeanors, together with 48 others, principal offenders, discovered by examination of the defendants, whose names are to be delivered to the serjeant, and 20 others, who having been formerly apprehended, would neither give bonds nor appear to answer, and also 16 or 20 more discovered to have been purveyors of victuals to the offenders. *Annexed,*

96. I. *Names of the several persons above ordered to be apprehended.*

Nov. 29. 97. Certificate of Sir George Fane, Sir William Monson, and others, of the good conduct of Anthony Saunders, gunner in Dover Castle and Lieutenant of Walmer Castle, for thirty years past.

Nov. 30. Westminster. Presentation of Ezekiel Johnson, M.A., to the rectory of Paulers-Pury, co. Northampton, void by reason of simony. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 72.]

Nov. 30. Westminster. Licence to William Lord Craven to pass the seas with 20 servants and 100*l.* in money, and there to remain for three years. [*Ibid., No.* 73.]

Nov. 30. 98. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to the Council. Send answers of gentlemen and discreet men of the hundreds of North Erpingham and Holt to the questions put respecting the hoarding of corn and combination to keep up the price, with certificate of the Custom-house officers of Cley and Blakeney, as to the quantities of corn exported from those ports to foreign parts, which the writers think was the cause of the late excessive prices. Notwithstanding the people were enforced to make bread of buck, yet were great quantities thereof transported to Rotterdam, under licences obtained from the Council. *Inclose,*

98. I. *Certificate above mentioned for the hundred of North Erpingham.* 1631, *Nov.* 28.

98. II. *Similar certificate for the hundred of Holt.* 1631, *Nov.* 28.

98. III. *Certificate above mentioned of the officers of the Custom-houses at Cley and Blakeney.* 1631, *Nov.* 30.

Nov. 30. Ardleigh. 99. Justices of Peace for Essex to the same. Similar return for Harwich, Manningtree, Bricklesea, Mersey, Wivenhoe, and Colchester. All these ports they have belayed, to prevent transportation, and they do not find any grain shipped, save only brank, which is not used for food by our nation but in times of extreme dearth.

Nov. 30. Whitehall. 100. Sec. Dorchester to Attorney General Noy. To prepare a pardon for the young Countess of Castlehaven, similar to that lately granted to the Countess Dowager. [*Copy.*]

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Nov. 30. Westminster. 101. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Knows of no exception taken at his carriage. Some of the Lords would have Sir Kenelm Digby put into his employment; but they do not lay aspersion on Pennington. No order as yet for an estimate of the ordinary for next year, therefore knows not what ships shall be employed, or who shall command them. Believes the employment will be laid by his Majesty on him before any other. The King goes this summer into Scotland, and some gentlemen are already named to prepare to wait on him thither. The orders for reformation of the King's house are not yet published.

Nov. 30. 102. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex. No hoarding or combination in the "wildish" part of the rape of Pevensey.

Nov. Whitehall. 103. The Council to Sir Thomas Glemham. Require him to repair thither that they may receive information from him touching some matters whereof he shall understand at his coming before them. [*Unsigned and date of day left blank.*]

[Nov. ?] 104. Petition of John Wragg, one of the Messengers of the Chamber, to the Council. Petitioner was employed to arrest William Vertue, a known animater, and styled Captain, of the rioters in the Forest of Dean, whom he accordingly attached at Bristol. Being afterwards sent to remove Vertue to the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer for co. Gloucester, petitioner was arrested with a writ out of a pie-powder court on an action of 500*l.* at suit of Vertue, and carried to prison, although he produced the Council's warrant for Vertue's removal. Richard Gore, serjeant-at-mace at Bristol, George Saltern, steward of the court, John Roswell, keeper of the prison, and Giles Earle, clerk of the steward, were abettors of petitioner's commitment, animated by James White, under gaoler, who would not allow petitioner to have fire, bedding, or other necessaries on payment. Vertue was ultimately fined 100*l.*, with a year's imprisonment. Prays punishment of the persons who imprisoned petitioner.

[Nov. ?] 105. Justices of Peace for co. [Devon] to the Council. Return that there had not been any hoarding or combination in a division not named.

[Nov. ?] 106. John Toppe, Sheriff of Wilts, to the same. According to their command he sends a true relation of the proceedings taken by him towards delivering possession of Clayhill Farm to Hopton Haynes. He shows what letters he had written to the Deputy Lieutenants of Wilts, and summonses to the inhabitants of Warminster, and with what inattention they had been regarded. Ultimately when he approached the premises he found the men who attended were totally unprovided with necessaries, and were so disinclined to the work that he felt compelled to withdraw his force, and excuse his departure by reason of the foulness of the weather, and nearness of the night. *Annexed,*

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106. I. *John Toppe to Sir Edward Baynton and Sir Walter Vaughan. Summons them to be at Warminster on Wednesday next, with 50 pikemen and 50 muskets for performance of the commanded service. Stockton,* 1631, *Nov.* 6.

106. II. *The same to Sir Edward Baynton. Summons to be personally at Warminster on the 9th inst., to join with the writer in all possible endeavours for accomplishing the service.* 1631, *Nov.* 7.

106. III. *Note of verbal answer of Sir Edward Baynton to the Sheriff's last letter, that he would give the Sheriff a meeting at some other time, but that he did not much fancy that service.*

Nov. Oath of homage taken by Bishop Dolben, of Bangor. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 74.]

Nov. 107. Motives to induce the Council to relieve the Eastland Company, who having brought in corn, on the invitation of their Lordships, during the late scarcity, lost money thereby.

[Nov. ?] 108. Unsigned news letter from a person unnamed, addressed to some one also unnamed, but probably either in the suite of Sir Henry Vane, Ambassador extraordinary to the King of Sweden, or in the service of that King. Thanks for his news from Germany, though it had the same fault the writer's wife labours with, being a little too old. Complains that he tells him nothing of the embassy, and gives him the rumours of the outward court and stone gallery at Whitehall, and the walking council of Paul's. Some people think we shall have a Parliament out of hand, of which there is no great unlikelihood, since Noy and Selden are come "on our side," and the rest of the rebels would be glad of worse conditions. One who had dined at Lord Dorchester's, says the Lord Ambassador was not so well used as others might have been. He admired that the King of Sweden having set foot in the Palatinate, the Ambassador would lie still at Frankfort. They speak as if the King of France were going to forbid the King of Sweden to feed any more upon Bishops. Mr. Mason has written him the Inns of Court news and that of the City. Lady Andrews has come to town; her daughter is not perfectly recovered of her love-sickness. Lady Midd. is brought to bed. Mention of Lord Sheffield. Lady Bludder not in town all the term, Sir Thomas not being able to appear. Talk of changes in Court. Alexander Brett says that the person addressed is writ for to come over, and they say the Ambassador will not be absent long. [*This letter is indorsed with the letter "S," as if that might be the initial of the name of the writer.*]

[Nov. ?] 109. Extract of proofs made against Robert Roberts, merchant of Bristol, on a commission out of the Court of Admiralty respecting his dealings with the captain and crew of a piratical ship that came into Pullhely, and especially in reference to his assisting the captain to escape by lending him his horse.

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Nov. 110. Particular account of receipts for fees at the Signet Office during the present month: total, 59*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Nov. 111. Draft of the preceding account.

Nov. 112. General account of receipts in the Signet Office during this month, with the disbursements thereout.

Nov. 113. Copy of the same account.

Nov. 114. Articles preferred against William Salter, of Stamford, co. Lincoln, for opposing as a Justice of Peace in open Sessions the assessment of fines upon persons convicted of offences, and especially upon victuallers for breach of the assize of ale and beer.

Nov. 115. Names of persons in the Western division of co. Northampton who have refused to pay monies set upon them for the Muster-master, according to the directions of the Council Board; certified by the Earl of Exeter.

[Nov.?] 116. Brief of the proofs of Phineas May and John Brooke in support of the will of Nicholas Turner. Testator died 24 January 1629. He resided at Rawbridge in the parish of Halberton, co. Devon.

[Nov.?] 117. Statement of the relationship of the several parties to the suit respecting the will of Nicholas Turner.

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Dec. 1. Whitehall. 1. The King to George Hooker. Warrant to deliver to William Earl of Morton, Treasurer of Scotland, all bonds taken since the late Earl of Totness was Master of the Ordnance, for all iron ordnance bought by subjects of Scotland for furnishing their ships. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 1. Stockton. 2. John Toppe, Sheriff of Wilts, to the Council. Relates his endeavours to procure ordnance and gunners for obtaining possession of Clayhill Farm, and that, after several failures minutely told, he had obtained two gunners from Bristol, and had appointed the 15th instant for the performance of the service. Averseness of the people, who are all friendly to Carr and against Haynes. Prays order before the 15th, that the gunners of Bristol may be compellable and compelled to undertake the service.

Dec. 1. 3. Copy of the same.

Dec. 1. Bridgewater. 4. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to the same. Cannot find any hoarding of corn, combination, or secret transportation within the Five hundreds about Bridgewater.

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Dec. 1. London. 5. Grant of arms by Sir Richard St. George, Clarencieux, to Capt. David Kirke, eldest son of Jervas Kirke, of London, merchant, son of Thurstan Kirke, of Greenhill, in parish of Norton, co. Derby, son of Arnold Kirke. Capt. David Kirke, with his brothers Lewis, Thomas, John, and James, having captured Mons. de Rockmond, a French admiral, and brought him into England, and having also taken the country of "Canida," in America, this grant confirms to them their paternal coat, with the addition of the arms of Mons. de Rockmond slightly varied. [*Copy.*]

[Dec. 2.] 6. Articles preferred against William Salter, Justice of Peace of Stamford, co. Lincoln, being a copy of *Vol.* cciii., *No.* 114, with, *Underwritten,*

6. I. *Answers of William Salter. He had advised Mr. Alderman to tax the fines alluded to with the advice of the comburgesses, and had spoken for mitigation or increase of fines as he thought the cause required.* [*He was committed to the Fleet. Co. Rey. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 286.]

Dec. 2. 7. Petition of William Russell to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner eight years past was placed, by the warrant of the then Commissioners of the Navy, foreman of the yard at Deptford. Gilbert Crux has endeavoured to be placed in petitioner's room. Prays their warrant to the Officers of the Navy to establish petitioner in his place.

Dec. 2. 8. Petition of John Browne, founder of iron ordnance, to Lord Treasurer Weston, and Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer. By their contract he is to transport 6,000 tons of iron ordnance and 900 tons of shot into the United Provinces. Finding the deadness of the market there, he prays to be permitted to transport four demy culverins of cast iron and 400 single demy culverins shot to the parts of Italy.

Dec. 3. 9. Attorney General Noy to the Lords of the Admiralty. In accordance with their letter of the 26th November has had conference with John Corseley and William Baber, powder makers, and examined them. Baber has been a powder maker 12 years, and never licensed. He had bought saltpetre of various persons, and among them from men employed by the state, and from their servants, who, as he says, bought the digging of some dove houses, and made the petre. Corseley was awhile licensed for provision of the shipping at Bristol, and bought saltpetre as the other did. There are other makers about Bristol. Has returned them to the Lords of the Admiralty with their examinations. *Inclosed,*

9. I. *Examination of William Baber to the effect above stated, taken,* 1631, *Nov.* 30.

9. II. *Similar examination of John Corseley, taken,* 1631, *Nov.* 30.

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Dec. 3. 10. Petition of Robert Smyth, Admiralty messenger, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Was employed to fetch from Bristol John Corseley and William Baber, and spent much money for his own charges and in hiring a horse for Baber, and paying his expenses in London. Prays them on the discharge of Corseley and Baber to take order for his payment.

Dec. 3. 11. Minutes by Nicholas of Admiralty business to be transacted this day. Sir Henry Marten's opinion respecting pirates having clergy; Allen the shipwright [*it is added that he was committed*]; petitions of Mrs. Thompson, the Four Masters, and Mr. Willoughby; Sir Francis Stewart's business; death of Sir Clement Cottrell, Vice-Admiral of co. Lincoln.

[Dec. 3.] 12. The Lords of the Admiralty to ———. Warrant for committal and detention of William Allen, shipwright, on the complaint of the shipwrights of Rotherhithe, of his using defective timber. (*See Vol.* ccii., *No.* 36.)

Dec. 3. 13. Tailor's bill for cloth and making a coat for Nicholas: total, 2*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*

Dec. 4. London House. 14. Bishop Laud to Elizabeth Queen of Bohemia. Thanks for a letter, in which she had acknowledged his kindness to Dr. Higges, and the present of the Bishop of Winchester's [Andrewes's] sermons. It has since come forth again, not with more sermons, but in a more corrected print and better paper. Will send her Majesty a copy. Has always been ready to do her service with the King his master. No brother can be fuller of kindness and care for her good and that of her children, and hopes she will have cause to joy in the end for his wise and prudent and affectionate care of them.

Dec. 5. 15. Distribution of 80*l.* given by Archbishop Abbot to 40 of his servants.

Dec. 6. 16. Petition of Robert Pawlet and John Norris, Comptrollers of Customs at Bridgewater and Minehead, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The English and Irish coasts being infested with Biscayners, petitioners set forth the Dove to convoy ships of Bridgewater and Minehead to Ireland. In January last the Dove, giving chase to a Biscayner near the Madeiras, was set upon and taken by the St. Peter, of Rotterdam, Capt. [Michael] Cornelius T'Kint. Having arrested the St. Peter at Rotterdam, they made no doubt of receiving honourable reparation, but have been answered only with delays. Pray letters for expediting justice, and that Mons Joachimi, the States' Ambassador here, may be made sensible of their intolerable sufferings.

Dec. 6. 17. [Edward Viscount Conway] to his cousin, Foulke Reed. Lord Brooke and he are still upon as uncertain terms as before. A lease was brought the writer to sign, but he liked not the covenant for destroying the outlying deer. Importance that his rent should be paid certainly, because for four years in November there is 300*l.*

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to be paid to Sir Robert Lee, upon a forfeiture. The whole consideration of the matter is referred to the person addressed. Lord Brooke will send to him. Received the 80*l.* sent up. Conant has importuned the writer for a horse, Reed is to give him the worst that is fit for him. He suggests Bedlam. Hears some books belonging to the late Lord are in Mrs. Case's hands, and that Mr. Smith's executors have some. Prays him to inquire about them.

Dec. 6. Whitehall. 18. William Earl of Morton to [George] Hooker. To deliver all the bonds mentioned in the King's warrant, calendared *Vol.* cciv., *No.* 1, to James Philip. [*Copy.*] *Underwritten,*

18. I. *Receipt of James Philip for fourscore and eight bonds above mentioned.* 1631, *Dec.* 6. [*Copy.*]

Dec. 7. The Bonaventure, in Stokes Bay. 19. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sir William Courteen's ship is brought back by the north-east wind. He will now see her safe into the Thames. There are come in five sail of Malaga ships much distressed. It had gone hard with two of them had he not been there. They were all put from their anchors under the North Foreland on Sunday night.

Dec. 7. 20. Bill of ——— Cabell, tailor, for making a cloth suit for Nicholas: total, 2*l.* 11*s.* 6*d.*

[Dec. 9?] 21. Petition of Thomas Newton to the Council. Thomas Leventhorpe, prisoner in the King's Bench, in execution at the suit of petitioner for 41*l.*, procured a warrant from the Commissioners for Enlargement of Prisoners for petitioner to appear before them on a certain day. Petitioner appeared accordingly, but Leventhorpe has since procured a warrant for petitioner to attend at the Council table *de die in diem.* Petitioner has attended three weeks. Prays speedy audience and discharge of the messenger's pretended fee of 6*s.* 8*d.* a day.

Dec. 9. Whitehall. 22. Petition of Walter Morrell and Hugh Morrell to the Council and Commissioners for Trade. On the late complaint made by sundry merchants of the great decay of trade and abatement of customs for want of settled government, petitioners were desired to acquaint the Board with two drafts which they have the executing of, which would advance greatly his Majesty's revenue. The same are annexed, and it is prayed that they may be referred to Viscount Wentworth, Lord President of the North. *Underwritten,*

22. I. *Reference to Lord Wentworth accordingly. Whitehall,* 1631, *Dec.* 9.

Dec. 10. Taunton. 23. Mayor of Taunton to the Council. The sum collected in Taunton towards recovery of the Palatinate was 22*l.* 14*s.*, which was paid over to some of the Justices of the Peace of the county, but unto whom the writer cannot say, the officers who paid the same over being long since dead.

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Dec. 10. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 24. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Arrived in the Downs last night, and with him Sir William Courteen's ship, which he will see over the flats to Gore End. Is suitor on behalf of John Vincle, his boatswain's mate, that he may be appointed boatswain of the Happy Entrance.

Dec. 10. The Downs. 25. The same to Nicholas. Incloses letters from Sir William Courteen and the Lord Chamberlain, the latter being about the listing of the writer to wait on the King for Scotland. Begs him to help John Vincle, and to procure warrants for sending in the Antelope, and for his own coming in, on account of the uncertainties of wind and tide at that time of year.

Dec. 10. 26. Minutes by Nicholas of Admiralty business to be transacted this day. The Attorney General suggests the discharge of Corseley and Baber on bond to appear; estimate of the ordinary for next year to be considered with further estimate of necessary works; complaint of Cooke, commander of the Henrietta, against Francis Dopson, master of the Willing Mind, of York; petitions of Jolliff and Sinderland.

Dec. 10. 27. Opinion of Lord Chief Justice Heath that the renunciation of foreign jurisdiction in the oath of supremacy applies only to the usurped authority of the see of Rome within England, and any stranger bound to any other prince or state, but desiring to become a denizen of this country, may safely take the same. *Annexed,*

27. I. *Forms of the oaths of allegiance and supremacy.*

Dec. 10. 28. Copy of the preceding opinion of Lord Chief Justice Heath, apparently written by a German, and misdated the 2nd inst.

Dec. 12. 29. Bailiffs of Bridport, co. Dorset, to the Council. In 1620 there was a voluntary gift of 24*l.* by the inhabitants of that borough for recovery of the Palatinate, which was paid over to Sir John Strangwayes, one of the chief collectors of such moneys.

Dec. 12. 30. Petition of Edward Northey the elder, of Devizes, late Mayor of that borough, to the same. About Whitsuntide last there came commands from the King to the Sheriff of Wilts to raise a force for suppressing a riotous insurrection in the forest of Braydon. As Mayor of Devizes, petitioner, by the constable, required Henry Barrett, an innholder there, to accompany the force of that town, who contemptuously refused, abusing petitioner and the constable with jeering and unbecoming speeches. Prays them to call Barrett before them to receive punishment.

Dec. 12. 31. Attorney General Noy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reports the result of the examination of Robert Roberts, of Bristol. 1. Concerning his undue procuring of a protection, one Gould has been the principal actor; 2. It is probable that he was accessory to the piracy, but the principals are not yet attaint, and

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he should be sent to be tried in the country; 3. The Attorney purposes to inform against him in the Star Chamber for his contemptuous words against the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer.

Dec. 12. 32. Copy of the same.

Dec. 12. Nicholas to Mr. Best, Clerk of the Trinity House. Sends their Lordships' warrant for ordnance for the Tristram and Jane, of Dover, but they utterly refuse a warrant for the Endeavour, of Topsham, on the certificate sent, and desire him to give directions that henceforth certificates be more formal and particular. [*Copy in Nicholas's Letter Book, p.* 96.]

Dec. 12. The same to the Officers of the Navy. There being a warrant for 6,000 timber trees of oak to be felled for building new ships, which are to be felled 2,000 in each of the forests of Shotover and Stowwood, East and West Beere, and the New Forest in Hants, the persons addressed are to advise what proportion of the same they conceive fit to be felled this season, and to advertise the Lord Treasurer thereon. [*Copy. Ibid., p.* 97.]

Dec. 12. The Savoy. 33. Sir James Bagg to Nicholas. Recommends Ralph Bird for the office of Judge of the Admiralty of Cornwall.

Dec. $\frac{12}{22}$. London. 34. Sir Thomas Roe to Sir John Hepburn, one of the colonels of his Majesty of Sweden. Congratulates him on the honour he has merited. Although the writer has not the only reward he expected, to return to serve that bravest King, he has omitted no occasion to express his thoughts; perhaps he has had too much zeal. He desires but to live to see the King as full of glory as he is of virtue, and is confident his Majesty will find such correspondence in the King of England as that one heart shall govern both their ends and actions. Has received a gift from the King of Sweden, which he has acknowledged by two letters, which he hopes have been delivered. Has procured a warrant for Colonel Fleetwood to raise 1,200 men for the service of the King of Sweden. He has chosen their friend Pottly for his lieutenant-colonel.

Dec. 13. Orchard. 35. Sir John Windham to the Council. In addition to the examination and information respecting Sylvester Bickham's secret export of pease from Watchet, sent by himself and a colleague on the 17th November (*see Vol.* cciii., *No.* 48.), now forwards a further information. *Inclosed,*

35. 1. *Information of John Coles, of Wiveliscombe, co. Somerset, miller, as to Bickham's endeavours to procure the informant to purchase for him* 40 *bushels of pease.* 1631, *Nov.* 30.

[Dec. 13 ?] 36. Petition of poor Workfolk of Reading, on the behalf of Stephen Langley, themselves, and others, to the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the misconversion of the legacy left by John Kenrick. Langley propounded a way to provide poor people

with convenient work, and to give them shares of the stock's increase according to the testator's meaning, but the magistrates refused the same and misconverted the profits of the legacies. Pray the Commissioners to take Langley's scheme into their consideration.

Dec. 13. Reading. 37. Queries respecting their application of the legacies of John Kenrick tendered to the Mayor and Burgesses of Reading, with their verbal answers made *ex tempore* to the same.

Dec. 13. 38. Copy of the same.

Dec. 13. 39. Promise and agreement of Francis Earl of Bedford, Lord Chief Justice Heath, Sir Miles Sandys, Sir William Russell, and others, adventurers for draining the Great Level of Fens in the Isle of Ely and cos. Cambridge, Huntingdon, Northampton, Norfolk, Suffolk, and Lincoln, that as soon as the work shall be performed, the Earl will convey to the King 12,000 acres, part of 95,000 acres awarded to the Earl for recompence at a Session of Sewers held at King's Lynn, the 13th January 1631.

Dec. 13. Nutwell. 40. Sir Thomas Prideaux to Francis Earl of Bedford. Henry Trosse and John Beare, defaulters at musters, having been sent for to the Council by warrant, are sorry for their offence, and intreat they may be excused.

Dec. 13. 41. Certificate of John Gardyner, that under a warrant from Sir Sackville Crow, then Treasurer of the Navy, he procured Margaret Bland to billet Samuel Robinson and John Daniel, two of the ship's company of the Francis, of London, employed in the expedition to Rhé, from 1 February to 10 May 1628, which amounts to 6*l.* 5*s.*, and is still unpaid.

Dec. 14. Whitehall. 42. Order of Council. Hugh Morrell and Charles Snelling having applied to the Board for an alteration of an order of the 28th October last, whereby certain certificates of the price of coals were ordered to be obtained by Morrell and Snelling, from various places in foreign countries, to enable the Council to judge of the adviseableness of an increased imposition on coals exported, the Council referred the same to the farmers to endeavour to agree with the petitioners, or otherwise to the Lord Treasurer to take order therein. [*Copy.*] *Prefixed,*

42. 1. *The King to the Attorney General. To prepare a warrant for an increase of impost of* 4*s. per chaldron on coals exported to foreign parts. John Hawkins and John White were to be appointed collectors for* 31 *years;* 100*l. per annum rent to the Crown was reserved for* 7 *years, and* 500*l. per annum for the residue of that term, and out of the produce,* 7,600*l. was to be paid to Hugh Morrell and Charles Snelling in satisfaction of losses in France during the late war.* [*Copy.*]

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Dec. 14. 43. Order of Council. On the request of the King of Sweden, Colonel Aston is authorized to take up, by beat of drum, 1,200 volunteers, within any part of the kingdom, the levy to begin in February, and Lord Lieutenants and others are to give him their best assistance.

Dec. 14. 44. Petition of Richard Gore, a sergeant of Bristol, and James White, underkeeper of Newgate there, to the Council. Being employed by one Vertue to arrest Boniface [John ?] Wragg, they did so in ignorance that he was a messenger of the Chamber. Acknowledge their offence and pray discharge.

Dec. 14. Whitehall. 45. Order of Council. On the preceding petition. The Attorney General is to call Wragg before him and to examine the petitioners and report. (*See Vol.* cciii., *No.* 104.)

Dec. 14. 46. Officers of the Navy to the Council. Report on petitions of the Master and Assistants of the Company of Watermen as of the poor watermen of that body. They cannot find the Master and Governors any way culpable of corruption, but submit certain regulations in reference to the inconveniences resulting from the impressment of apprentices, especially in cases where the principal is a widow or a sick person.

Dec. 14. 47. Petition of Capt. Thomas Brediman to the same. Having been Captain of the militia of Bury St. Edmunds, and obliged to retire in consequence of a difference between himself and his fellow soldiers, his money claims were submitted to arbitration, and with one year's abatement out of four petitioner received satisfaction from 60 of his company, but 30 being factious people will not give him anything. Prays that having been refractory to the arbitrament of three years, they may be ordered to pay the four. *Underwritten,*

47. 1. *Reference to Mr. Vice-Chamberlain, to report at the next sitting. Whitehall,* 1631, *Dec.* 14.

Dec. 14. 48. Petition of the merchants of Plymouth and other western outports to the same. The Board having referred the difference between petitioners and the merchants of London, touching an incorporation for Spain and Portugal to the Lord Chief Baron and Barons of the Exchequer, Sir Robert Heath, then Attorney General, and Mr. Noy. Both parties having been heard, the Judges declared such a charter against the statute of 3rd James. Whereupon the Londoners desired to be heard by their counsel, but have never brought them until now, when some of the Barons are gone into the country. Petitioners having attended sixteen weeks, pray to be dismissed. [*Dismissed until the Council renew their directions to them. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 308.]

Dec. 14. 49. Petition of the Muscovia Company trading to Greenland to the same. Thomas Hoarth having been enjoined to attend Sir Henry Marten, but not having done so, and having absented

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himself to avoid a messenger, petitioners pray that a warrant be sent again with a letter to the Bailiffs of Yarmouth to send him up. [*Warrant with a special direction to the Bailiffs ordered this day. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 305.]

Dec. 14. 50. William Lake to Sec. Dorchester. Delivered to my Lord [the Lord Treasurer?] the two packets, with the draft of the letter to Sir Henry Fane [Vane?], which he approved. Recommends Dorchester before he sends it away to keep it by him, lest some other thing occur which his Majesty may think fit to add. He is gone to acquaint his Majesty with the packets.

Dec. 14. London. 51. [Hugh?] Morrell to the same. Delivered a petition to the King for finishing his tedious suit of four years' continuance. He has since had access to his Majesty three times, who proposes to send the petition to the Attorney General. The King enjoined Mr. Porter to deliver the petition to Sec. Dorchester. Begs his favour. The Attorney General is his friend, and will do him right when he sees the King's command.

[About Dec. 14?] 52. Petition of Robert Colman, prisoner in Newgate, to the same. On the 8th inst. petitioner found certain writings of the Sec. and other noble personages, and thinking they belonged to the Earl of Dorset, went on Friday last [the 9th] to the Old Bailey, where the Earl sate on the Bench that day. One Barnes was to be tried, and petitioner said there was one that intended to beg his estate, whereupon the Earl of Dorset committed petitioner to Newgate, where he has been ever since detained and could not bring the writings to the Sec. Prays that he may be allowed to come to him for that purpose.

Dec. 14. Lexden, near Colchester. 53. Captain Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Is sorry that their great masters [the Lords of the Admiralty] cannot find in their hearts to be as good husbands of the King's honour as of his purse. If the force for guard of the coast be no better, those that undertake the charge must resolve to sell themselves at as good a rate as they can whensoever they shall be pressed by the intrusion of the French, to make good his Majesty's regality in the Narrow Seas. Ever believed that Ramsey would show indiscretion enough; his whole course of life has argued him of much intemperance. Begs to know when he sends order for the Antelope to come in. Has sent him up a barrel of oysters.

Dec. 14. 54. Certified extracts from the Pell records, of two payments to Marmaduke Darrell, Esq., Surveyor General of Marine Victuals, made to him on 5th November 1599, on account of his fee of 50*l.* per annum, and various allowances in his office.

Dec. 14. 55. Statement of Sir Richard Grosvenor, of a relation made to him by Christopher Crowe touching the Marquis of Hamilton. Crowe declared that he had been a soldier under the Marquis; that they had landed at Wismar, and thence had marched towards

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Stettin, their allowance being a pound of bread in four days, upon which fare they had wasted from 6,000 to 400, most of them dying of famine, and calling "Bread, Bread!" in the instant of death; that pillage was forbidden, whilst the Marquis told them he had no pay to give them; that quarrels had arisen between the English and Scots, and that finally the Marquis had fled to the King of Sweden, leaving about 100 alive of all his 6,000. Crowe described a quarrel between Lieutenant Colonel Goring and Colonel Lesley. The account is further attested by Sir Anthony Hinton and Thomas Beard.

Dec. 15. 56. Francis Lord Cottington and Sec. Coke to the Council. Report on a petition of Viscount Valentia, setting forth his claims to certain allowances for his services as Master of the Ordnance, and otherwise, in the expedition to Cadiz. The referees consider his various claims, most of which they disallow or call in question, but they think that before any allowance be made to him he ought to pass his account as Master of the Ordnance, which he had not yet done. [*On the 16th instant it was referred to the Attorney General to consider of a way for Lord Valentia to be brought to render his account. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 322.]

Dec. 15. 57. Edward Nuttall to Nicholas. States arrangements made by him for sending a firkin of butter to Nicholas. A suit is depending in the Admiralty against a pretended pirate, who was examined in Scilly by Sir Francis Godolphin, and now lies in the Marshalsea, for taking a small bark, of Yarmouth, with butter, bound for France. No man comes against him as a pirate, and if the Lords would discharge him, the writer and some other person have an action against him for damages. Begs his assistance.

[Dec. 15?] 58. Robert Earl of Somerset to ——— Hudson, at his house in Cannon Street. Being forced to keep within for a cold, sends the bearer to confer with the person addressed on a motion in which the Earl wishes his assistance.

Dec. 15. Drayton. 59. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Salop of presentments of constables, made to them within five of the allotments of the North part of the hundred of Bradford. Vagrants punished and passed from 17th November last, 45.

Dec. 16. 60. Petition of the Master, Wardens, and Assistants of the Society of Blacksmiths of London to the Council. Notwithstanding their great care to suppress abuses in deceitful making of iron works, yet by the evil example of some ill-affected persons of their society, their authority is slighted. Pray that certain persons mentioned may be sent for. [*Referred to the Lord Mayor. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 322.]

Dec. 16. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. 61. Mayor of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis to the same. The benevolence money given by the inhabitants of that town in 1622, was collected by Edward Roy, the then Mayor, who paid it to Sir Robert Pye, by the hands of Albinus Knapton, on June 8, 1622.

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Dec. 16. 62. Petition of William Baber, of Bristol, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Being sent for by the Lords, he was brought to London by the messenger, who hired a horse and bore petitioner's charges, and since his coming up, he has lain at the messenger's charge. Being a very poor man, prays his discharge without paying fees, with some means to carry him back, being heartily sorry if he has given any offence.

Dec. 16. Wareham. 63. Mayor of Wareham to Thomas Meautys, or any other Clerk of the Council. No order has been received for any collection for defence of the Palatinate.

Dec. 16. Gillmorton. 64. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate that the constables and overseers within the hundred of Goodlaxton make due returns concerning rogues, and other articles given in charge to them.

Dec. 16. 65. Account by John Clifton of remains of victuals aboard the ships returned from the expedition to Cadiz in 1625, the value whereof is to be charged against Sir Allen Apsley, in his account for the year 1626; total amount, 10,963*l.* 14*s.* 5*d.*

Dec. 17. 66. Petition of Margaret Bland to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays order to Sir William Russell for payment of 6*l.* 4*s.*, due to her for billeting Samuel Robinson and John Daniel, on the return of the expedition to Cadiz. (*See No.* 41.)

Dec. 17. 67. Statement by Stephen Alcock of sums paid to Sir Thomas Button, for victualling the Fifth and the Ninth Whelps; amount overpaid, 17*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.*

Dec. 17. 68. Edward Reed to George Royden. Requests him to pay Mr. Gore 4*l.*, balance due for cloth taken up for [the late] Lord Conway, and also 2*l.* 14*s.* to Mr. Carrick, and then the writer is discharged of all the small debts.

Dec. 17. 69. Bill in Chancery exhibited by Dame Susan Thornehurst, widow and administratrix of Sir Giffard Thornehurst, late of Agnes Court, co. Kent, against Carew Saunders, Robert Awbury, and Henry Whaley, executors of Lady Thornehurst's father, Sir Alexander Temple, and Sir John Lambe, for an account of moneys received and paid by Sir Alexander Temple from and to Sir John Lambe, on account of a debt owing to him by Sir Giffard Thornehurst. [*Much mutilated.*]

Dec. 18. 70. Petition of Daniel le Clerke and Company to the Judges of his Majesty's Delegates. State the facts of the case as in *Vol.* clxxix., *No.* 32. The appeal having been heard before them, pray them to appoint a day for attending them for a final judgment.

Dec. 18. Ragley. 71. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Has not heard anything from Lord Brooke. The writer shall urge so much matter of wrong and inconvenience that will grow to Lord Conway from

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the outlying deer in the woods, that he doubts Lord Brooke will scarcely be drawn into a covenant to yield a full recompence. Conant shall have Bedlam delivered to him: none is left so bad as he. Three books lent to Mr. Case are sent by the bearer. Mr. Smith has been dead above six years. It is to be doubted if those are to be had. Dares not commend the writer's cousin John Verney's mare.

Dec. 18. Whitehall. 72. William Murray to Sir Henry Vane. Household business continues in the same track his care had put them; above stairs they have as little alteration. Some change of places is spoken of, as Lord Wentworth to be Deputy of Ireland; the Earl of Newcastle, President of the North; Lord Cottington, Master of the Wards; Sir Robert Naunton being satisfied with a sum of money, and Lord Salisbury with Lord Suffolk's places, on whose life or death this latter part depends. Lord Holland's friendship and Lady Carlisle's is fully perfected; her friends hope his credit may restore her to the Queen's favour; his apprehend her pride may endanger him. Begs him to acquaint his friends with some of the reasons for his actions, for he has many ill-willers, who would prove enemies were his master but an indifferent hearkener to backbiters. The Court is like the earth, naturally cold, and reflects no more affection than the sunshine of their master's favour beats upon it. Begs to be informed of Lord Hamilton's carriage to his new master and his newer followers. Dr. Price, one of the King's chaplains, died two nights ago, as reported by the Bishop of Lincoln, a Papist. Hopes it will prove a fable.

Dec. 19. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 73. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. States the difficulties he has in dealing with ships which come from the plantations and afterwards go for foreign parts, especially in the tempestuous weather they have had for two or three months. For the Expedition, of London, he sent his gunner aboard her at Gore End, who brought word that she was only laden with salt and wood, and bound for London, where he doubts not she now is. They should send him the names of such ships as are there, or go thither [to the plantations?], which may be had at the Assurance Office in London.

Dec. 19/29. Rotterdam. 74. Robert Powlett to Nicholas. Binds himself to give Nicholas an ample and satisfactory declaration of his thankfulness if he will join with his other friends in procuring him letters of reprisal, or anything else that may restore him his losses which he now suffers from the Dutch.

Dec. 19. 75. John Baylie to Sec. Dorchester. Solicits to be admitted to his presence, to propound to him a scheme tending to the King's honour and benefit. The persons interested are fishermen, builders of ships, and breeders of mariners in the Isle of Wight. States reasons why the scheme should not be referred to the Lords of the Admiralty.

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Dec. 20. 76. Petition of Thomas Large and Robert Hall to the Lords of the Admiralty. Large is cook in the Warspite, and Hall in the Rainbow. Pray that they may be allowed to exchange their places, in order to be near their respective families.

Dec. 20/30. Rotterdam. 77. Robert Powlett to Lord Treasurer Weston Urges the great injustice done him by the Dutch in reference to his ship, taken by the St. Peter, of Rotterdam, Capt. Michael Cornelius T'Kint. Intreats him to commiserate his sufferings and move his Majesty on his behalf. Prays that his Majesty, with his Lordship and the rest of the Lords of Admiralty, will appear so far on his behalf as to see him righted of these manifest wrongs.

Dec. 20/30. Rotterdam. 78. The same to Nicholas. Incloses a letter containing a summary relation of the present state of the writer's unfortunate cause, and intreats his assistance. *Inclosed,*

78. I. *The same to the same. The letter above mentioned, which contains a minute narrative of all the facts and proceedings in the writer's cause. Rotterdam,* 1631, *Dec.* 19/29.

Dec. 20. Arundel House. 79. Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey to Sir Henry Vane. Congratulations on his having passed the dangers of an ill journey, and arrived at the King of Sweden's army. Mr. Giffard was the first messenger. His letters are received, and the business is in deliberation. Glad of the King of Sweden's success. The King well satisfied with Vane's negociation. They trust the restitution of the good Queen of Bohemia will be at length attained. Bruit that the French King, going towards Metz, will meet with the King of Sweden, when it is like much might happen. The Queen Mother, it is said, will come hither, but the contrary is hoped; as also that our King will for this summer put off his intended Scottish journey, affairs requiring neither the absence of our own King so far nor the presence of other princes. The new orders enjoin Mr. Treasurer, with the low stairs officers, to eat at festival times in the great hall, at which he mutinies.

Dec. 20. Whitehall. 80. Sir Thomas Edmondes to the same. Reports various incidents of household business, principally relating to the payments in lieu of purveyance from cos. Buckingham, Cornwall, and Suffolk. The points concerning the charter of Paul's, that of the Moneyers, and the reviving the commissions for purveyance, having been left unfinished by the late Attorney Heath, have been referred to Edward Herbert, who has a relation by his place to the household. His opinion will be afterwards conferred upon with Lord Chief Justice Heath and the present Attorney General. A great innovation brought upon them by the household being charged with the diet of the Lady Mary's house, which is twelve dishes for Lady Roxburgh, the governess, and seven for the rockers. This will preclude any saving to satisfy old arrears. Hopes the successes of Gustavus Adolphus will cast things into such a new shape as will

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facilitate many difficulties. There was an opinion for a while of the calling of a Parliament, but the writer sees no likelihood thereof. They hope the King's journey to Scotland will not hold. A gentleman has arrived within these two days from the Queen Mother, to thank the King and Queen for sending the Lieutenant of the Tower to visit her, without purporting her desire to come hither, as was formerly conceived. The Duke de Vendosme, having obtained permission to return into France, will not stay to see either the King's or the Queen's masques, which are to be acted on Twelfth Day and at Shrovetide. The King has published orders to restrain access to the privy chamber and inward lodgings to persons of quality, and that the Lord Chamberlain shall on Sundays and holidays dine in the great chamber, and the officers of the household in the hall. On the death of the Recorder Finch, Mr. Lyttleton is chosen in his place.

Dec. 21. 81. Petition of Samuel Puckle, of Norwich, merchant, to the Council. In May last they ordered that he might export 100 lasts of buckweed, importing wheat or rye in its place. Has only exported 60 lasts; the remaining 40 lasts the bailiffs of Yarmouth will not permit him to export. Prays order that he may freely export the same. [*Permission granted this day. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 329.]

[Dec. 21 ?] 82. John Hales and others, referees of the complaints of the citizens of Coventry respecting the drowning of their coal pits at Griff, to the Council. Cannot judge of any other cause of the drowning of these pits than the damming and turning the land water out of his ancient course during certain recent floods, by direction of Thomas Robinson and John Buggs. The writers have caused these dams to be cast down.

[Dec. 21 ?] 83. Answer of Thomas Robinson and John Buggs to the complaints against them on the above subject, preferred by Matthew Collins and John Baker, on behalf of the citizens of Coventry. They entirely deny that the dams and drains above mentioned were the occasion of the drowning of the Coventry mines.

[Dec. 21 ?] 84. Brief statement of the above answer, with names of witnesses produced for proving the same.

[Dec. 21 ?] 85. Another statement of proofs on the part of Robinson and Buggs, with the following original depositions of witnesses annexed:

85. I. *Testimony of William Chetham.*

85. II. *The like of William Dale and John Wotton.*

85. III. *The like of Thomas Bankes.*

[Dec. 21 ?] 86. Depositions or statements of testimony ready to be given on behalf of the citizens of Coventry, and against Robinson and Buggs, viz.,

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86. I. *Separate testimonies of James Kerkbee, of Edward Cooper and William Johnson, and of Matthew Bellamy.*

86. II. *The like of William Roden and Jacob Barrowes, of John Browne, of Thomas Pickard and Nicholas Ingram, of John Goadby, and of George Pegg and others.*

86. III. *Another of the like of George Pegg and others, and of Anthony Robinson.*

Dec. 21. 87. Petition of the before-mentioned Thomas Robinson and John Buggs, farmers of the ancient coal mine at Bedworth, co. Warwick, to the Council. Set forth the petition of Matthew Collins and others, citizens of Coventry, unjustly charging petitioners, and desiring a reference to persons who were favourers of the owners of the coal mine which petitioners are said to have drowned. Petitioners allege the injustice of the charges against them, and attribute the drowning of the Coventry mines to a great and sudden flood, which occasioned great store of water to run into both their mines. Pray for a reference to gentlemen in that country who are favourers to neither party. [*Ordered that Sir Thomas Leigh and Basil Fielding should be added to the former referees, Humphrey Atherley, John Hales, John Burgoyne, Peter Burgoyne, Isaac Walden, and Ralph Browne. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *pp.* 241, 328.]

Dec. 21. 88. Petition of John Richards to the same. Petitioner was sent for by warrant on complaint of Justices of Peace of Devon for prosecuting two constables of Honiton in the Star Chamber for engrossing corn, which they allege petitioner did on a conceived malice, having been presented by the constables for not bringing his corn to market. The suit in the Star Chamber being referred to Judge Denham, Richards prays order for his discharge, or reference of the complaints to the same Judge, which he craves the rather that 500 poor people depend on his employment of them. *Annexed,*

88. I. *Order in the Star Chamber referring the cause of John Richards* versus *Nicholas Cary and others to Baron Denham, to consider whether the cause be fit to proceed.* 1631, *Nov.* 9. [*The Lords ordered the petitioner's discharge on his withdrawing his suit in the Star Chamber,* 1631, *Dec.* 21. *Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 327.]

Dec 22. Ragley. 89. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. [Dowager] Lady Conway having written for a doe that his Lordship gave her, inasmuch as the messenger goes within six miles of London, he has sent another for his Lordship.

Dec. 22. 90. Certificate of George Butler, clerk, and others, inhabitants of Shoreham, Sussex, that Robert Stephens sent for by warrant is a day labouring man, and so sick and weak as to be forced to take relief of the parish.

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Dec. 23. Jan. 2. Rotterdam. 91. Robert Powlett to Nicholas. Since he wrote to him on the $\frac{12}{22}$ December he understands that the States are sending to treat with the King, to give way to refer the cause respecting the taking of his ship by the St. Peter, of Rotterdam, to the Court of Parliament at Paris. Intreats him to be instant in moving the Lords of the Admiralty to remonstrate to his Majesty the inconvenience of that course. The parties defending excuse themselves by pretending that they were enforced by the Governor of the Madeiras. Recapitulates the evidence which can be adduced to rebut that assertion. The Dutch brag how easily they made of the Amboyna business, and say they marvel he should have come into those parts to expect satisfaction when the Amboyna business could not work the least impression with the State there.

Dec. 23. 92. Affidavit of Sir John Lambe, of Rothwell, co. Northampton, that he this day delivered to Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, in the Jerusalem Chamber, in the Deanery house, Westminster, a copy of Sir John's petition to the King, against the Bishop and his man Walker, and his Majesty's reference thereon to the Lord Treasurer and ten others, dated 20 December inst., with a note underwritten, containing an appointment for hearing the cause, subscribed by the Lord Keeper, the Bishops of Winchester and Durham, Lord Cottington, and Sec. Coke. Bishop Williams answered that it concerned not him, and that he had a chapel to consecrate on St. Stephen's day in Buckinghamshire, and that he would write to some of the referees, and could not nor would be there, let the Lords do as they pleased. He then gave back the paper to deponent, who left it with Walter Walker, at the said Deanery house.

Dec. 23. 93. Certificate of Thomas Doe, Vicar, and other inhabitants of Brighthelmstone, that William Brapoll of that town, against whom there is a warrant for his appearance before the Council, is lame, aged, and impotent, and that if he be called in question respecting the corn taken away of late at Shoreham, he is no way guilty of that fact.

Dec. 26. Whitehall. 94. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington. Warrant to repair to Dover Road, and there to take aboard the Duke de Vendosme and his son, with his gentlemen and followers, and transport them to Calais or Boulogne.

Dec. 26. 95. Duplicate of the same, the signatures of the Lords differing in two instances.

Dec. 26. 96. [Edward Viscount Conway] to Foulke Reed. Acknowledges a doe sent, but she was very lean; the books were brought wet and almost spoiled. If his cousin Verney's mare be not fit for the writer, begs him to send the one which was bought at Tuddington. Explains his views with reference to the bargain with Lord Brooke. [*Draft.*]

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Dec. 26. Northampton. 97. Henry Alleyn to Edward Earl of Dorset. About three years ago Alleyn petitioned his Majesty against the Bishop of Lincoln, setting forth certain disloyal and derogatory speeches uttered by him of the King and in favour of Puritans, with words and acts opposing ecclesiastical government and incompatible in a churchman, which matter was heretofore examined, and is now awakened, having long slept. Petitioner complained on the King's behalf, and in his own defence, the Bishop first backing and siding with the Puritans at Leicester, who had prosecuted the writer, being a proctor, by an indictment of barratry for opposing them. The Bishop also caused him to be convented in the Lower House last Parliament, for endeavouring to set the King and one of his peers at variance, and for a book and letters written against some Puritans. Petitioner was thereupon kept in durance many weeks, and in conclusion, the Bishop has caused him to be removed from his place, and still threatens him and his witnesses. Prays restitution to his place and protection against the Bishop's anger.

Dec. 27. Holyrood House. 98. George Viscount Duplin to Sec. Dorchester. Is arrested there by his services and infirmity, and must have recourse in his important affairs to friends, among whom the Sec. is the first. His son will impart to him the business in which he wants the Sec.'s assistance.

Dec. 28. 99. Justices of Peace for Sussex to the Council. This last harvest they have had such plentiful increase as few years have exceeded, but in many places it yieldeth not so well to the bushel as in former years, but there is sufficient to serve the country if the store be not carried thence as it was this last year.

Dec. 28. Shaftesbury. 100. Mayor of Shaftesbury to the same. The money collected in that borough for recovery of the Palatinate was received by Sir Anthony Ashley, appointed collector for that purpose, and was paid over to Sir Abraham Williams.

Dec. 28. Jan. 7. Rotterdam. 101. Robert Powlett to Nicholas. The bearer, Nicholas Pollhill, being a party damnified in like kind with the writer, is fortified with proof of the facts of their cases. Mr. Pollhill is to prosecute the whole business in England whilst Powlett remains in Rotterdam.

Dec. 28. Jan. 7. St. Sebastian. 102. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Sends 1,000 ryals, which is 25*l.*, and requests him to send the mastiff dog already requested with the Bristol stuff for hangings, and some black satin lace for a Spanish suit; also a dozen black nightcaps, and a dozen or two of good rich knives.

Dec. 28. 103. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Hertford. Return of measures for relief of the poor in the hundred of Cashio and liberty of St. Albans.

Dec. 29. Chatham. 104. Phineas Pett to Sec. Coke. Gives account of a visit paid by the Duke de Vendosme to Chatham, to view his Majesty's ships

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there. He took barge and passed by every ship, obtaining also, it being the top of high water, a full view of the ordnance lying on the wharf, with the orderly lying of the anchors, the convenience of the new buildings, and the stateliness and orderly contriving of the storehouses for the magazine, and great commodity of the dry docks, but made no show of desire to land to see them, but only superficially, as he passed by in the barge. He was carried close by the great ships, and on board the Prince, where he was desirous to see every room above hatches, which was performed in less than half an hour. He was very modest in inquiring after any material things, and as far as they could perceive was well satisfied in what he observed. The Antelope is riding in St. Mary's Creek, and they expect order for bringing her over the chain to her moorings. Reminds him of a warrant for the 6,000 trees.

Dec. 30. 105. Petition of Thomas Harrison, merchant, of London, to the Council. About two years since petitioner trading for Spain under licence, and dealing with Adrian Payes, licensed factor there, Payes drew a bill upon Richard Lane for 449*l.* 14*s.*, for merchandise supplied to his son John Lane. Petitioner took this bill, but Richard Lane refuses payment, and pleads that Payes is an alien enemy. At the time the bill was drawn there was a free trade by licence. If this plea be allowed it will hinder all trading. Prays them to send for John Lane to answer the premises. [*Reference this day to Sir John Wolstenholme and others, but that reference was quashed on the* 14*th February* 1632, *on the ground that the petitioner had not stated in the above petition that the case between him and Lane was already pending in Chancery. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *pp.* 333, 387.]

Dec. 30. Norwich. 106. Dr. John Hassall, Dean of Norwich, to Sec. Dorchester. There will come to his hands letters from the Dean and Chapter to pray his assistance in preferring a petition to his Majesty for a reference. The writer bemoans his unhappiness that the Earl of Dorset's suit should be denied. He had laboured to effect his desires, but, by a false dishonest carriage of Mr. Brinsely and his friends of Yarmouth, had been foiled. Had before no great pleasure in this deanery, but if his advancers shall abate their good thoughts of him, shall then like it worse. Beseeches his help to preserve the Earl of Dorset's good thoughts of him. In the midst of his sadness arrived Lord Vere, who rested with him a day and a night, which cheered his heart. He arrived on Monday, and on Wednesday Sir Roger Townsend's caroche fetched him to Stukey.

Dec. 30. 107. Unsigned news letter, in the same handwriting and addressed to the same person as *Vol.* cciii., *No.* 108. His last letter was opened before it reached the writer's hand. Sir John Caswell has made Tilly dead, and all the letters can hardly give him a resurrection. Lord Dorchester, since his wife is grown great, is become no little man in esteem, and they begin to think him able to recal

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the person addressed, although the writer dare not say the Lord Ambassador. The Court is like a swarm of bees, a confused hum amongst all, and as great difference in choice betwixt Sir Thomas Roe and Sir Henry Vane. Some say the King of England loves the latter the better, and others say the King of Sweden would be better contented with the first. For the writer's part he would rather have a grain of King Charles's affection than an ounce of that of Gustavus Adolphus. If they treat the King of Bohemia well, and give him his country, they have a commonalty here at their service; if not, expect in the next Parliament as hard censure "as my L. Grue-Champ" ever had. [*This letter, like the previous one by the same writer, is indorsed* "S."]

Dec. 31. Bulwich. 108. Sir Thomas Roe to Sir Francis Nethersole, at the Golden Stirrup, over against the New Exchange, in the Strand. Thanks for his communication and to God for the continuance of his blessing to that brave king who must do good for us against our wills. Should be glad to know when the King of Bohemia shall be set at liberty to take his possession. Concurs in opinion that it is wisdom to stay their master's time, but remembers the resolution of a like case given by Henry the Great of France. When, by no mediation the Pope's dispensation for the marriage of the Duke of Bar to the King's sister could be obtained, he said:—"Let it be done first. The "pardon will be more easy than the licence; for the Duke must be "a son of the Church still, and a wise pope will not lose such a "child for what cannot be undone," and the counsel succeeded. Does not wish this to be taken so, though he that leaps may get over the ditch, but never he that stands still. Wishes to be advertised what is resolved for the French Queen and the journey into Scotland.

Dec. 31. 109. Petition of John Mowle to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays appointment of cook in the Victory, in place of Edward Locker, the present cook, who has undertaken a voyage to the East Indies. *Underwritten,*

109. I. *Certificate of Sir Henry Palmer and Phineas Pett, in recommendation of petitioner.*

109. II. *The like of Kenrick Edisbury, that Locker is entertained by Capt. Weddell for a voyage to the East Indies. Annexed,*

109. III. *The like of Thomas Austen, William Cooke, and others, in favour of petitioner.* 1631, *Dec.* 31.

Dec. 31. 110. Account of anticipations as they now stand charged upon current payments of future revenue: total, 291,944*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*

[Dec. ?] 111. Petition of Sir Thomas Baker and Arthur Baker to the King. Pray for renewal of a protection granted them on 23rd

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December 1630, their engagements being only for their father who continues still in imprisonment, and they having satisfied 12,000*l.* or 13,000*l.* of his debts.

Dec. Frome Selwood. 112. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to the Council. No remains of old corn in the hundreds of Frome, Wells, Bath Forum, and Killmersdon. Attribute the continued high price of corn to the total exhaustion of last year's store; the quantities daily carried to Bristol to be transported; the conversion of arable grounds into pasture and of barley into malt.

Dec. 113. Justices of Peace for co. Northampton to the same. Similar return for the liberties of Peterborough as to the absence of any store of old corn. Recite the measures taken by them for relief of the poor during the past year: among them it is stated, that having heard that there was store of corn in some parts of Norfolk, they licensed two sufficient men to be badgers to trade in corn and bring the same by water to Peterborough, both for seed and supply of the market.

[Dec. ?] 114. Petition of merchants and agents of the fishermen and owners of shipping of the West Country to the same. Their Lordships having, by letters of 23 November last, required the ports of the West Country to send some one to attend them with reasons why the transportation of fish in aliens bottoms should not be prohibited, the same ports deputed the petitioners. They state their conferences with the Trinity House and the merchants of London, and allege that it is too late to make an alteration this season. Pray that aliens may have liberty this season as heretofore, and that themselves may be allowed to depart home.

[Dec. ?] 115. Minute of application of certain gentlemen of ability that they may be incorporated for making white soap of the materials of this kingdom only, to save the expense of foreign potashes. They offer a trial of their soap, which is made under a privilege already granted and assigned to them, such trial to be made before the Lord Mayor and others, and upon their certificate the applicants to be incorporated, they undertaking to sell to the King's agents at 22*l.* per ton, or to pay the King 4*l.* per ton and vend it themselves.

Dec. 116. Minute of application by Capt. Ketelby to the Lords of the Admiralty for an allowance of Vice-Admiral's pay till such time as the Antelope entered into the same pay, and also for transporting Signor Nicolaldo. [*Minute of the answer indorsed by Nicholas:—Their Lordships cannot alter the regular pay nor give allowance for transporting an ambassador.*]

Dec. 117. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Suffolk of measures for relief of the poor taken in the liberty of St. Etheldred.

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1631. Dec. 118. Robert Maxwell to the Council. Answer to petition of the ministers of Beverley and other places in co. York, concerning "havers and threaves" issuing out of their several parsonages, the right to which had been granted to Robert Maxwell by the King for 21 years at a yearly rent.

Dec. 119. Bill of Thomas Hickes for medicines supplied to Nicholas: total 3*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*

Dec. 120. Another similar bill: total 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Dec. 121. Paper, indorsed "Certificates touching corn and charitable "uses;" probably a cover used to bind together or indicate a bundle of returns of Justices of Peace.

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[1631 ?] 1. Safe conduct under the sign manual for Thomas Viscount Savile, of Castlebar, about to visit Spa for the benefit of his health.

2. The King to Henry Earl of Holland, Chancellor of Cambridge, and Bishop Laud, Chancellor of Oxford. To reduce the fees given to officers, readers, beadles, registrars, and others, to the amount paid in the 11th year of Queen Elizabeth. [*This is one of the originals of this letter, although without date. It is already calendared from a dated copy in Vol.* cxcii., *No.* 20.]

3. The same to Sir William Parkhurst, Warden of the Mint. Warrant for various alterations in the coinage to be carried out by Edward Greene, graver of the mint, with power to Sir William to impress a sufficient number of competent workmen for Greene's assistance. [*Draft.*]

4. The same to Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. The King's orders to be observed by the Bishops having directed that they should be resident at their seats at such feasts when hospitalities are principally required, and the Bishop of Lincoln having alleged in excuse of his failure in that respect, that by his oath as Dean of Westminster he was not to be absent from the College at those times, the King dispenses with such oath, and all statutes of the College which hinder his obeying the King's orders. [*Draft.*]

5. Extracts out of the Statute Book of the College of Westminster, touching the times of the Dean's residence, forwarded by

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[1631 ?] Bishop Williams to Sec. Dorchester with the view of procuring the above dispensation. Lat.

Whitehall. 6. The King to Edward Nicholas. Promise to bestow upon him the first Examiner's place in the Court of Chancery which should become vacant after the death of the then present Master of the Rolls. [*Unsigned.*]

7. Draft of the same.

The same to Sir Henry Hun[gate]. Similar promise to give him half of the benefit of one of the Six Clerks' places which should first fall after the death of the then present Master of the Rolls, the other half having been given by the late King to Sir William Becher. [*Copy. Written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

8. The same to ———. Warrant for discharge of the Searcher of Dover, and the Surveyor for the Master of the Horse at that place, from all question or accusation concerning the transportation of any horses up to the date hereof, they having returned and given back the warrants authorizing the same transportation. [*Copy, unsigned.*]

9. The same to the Governors of the Inner and Middle Temple. His Majesty having taken notice of disorders in the Inns of Court, and being informed that the frequenting of the same in Christmas time by lewd persons not of the Societies, has been a great cause of those disorders, commands the present forbearing of commons and play in both the Temples, and directs the Attorney General to proceed in the Star Chamber against the chief ringleaders in the late disorders.

10. Copy of the same.

11. The same to the Attorney General. Reference of a petition from some town for confirmation of their ancient charter, with enlargements. [*In the handwriting of Sec. Coke. On the back are some memoranda, also by Sec. Coke, respecting Tilsley, of Gloucester, who keeps "above 80 boys and wenches at work to make "pins," his brother doing the like at Bristol.*]

12. The same to Commissioners unnamed, appointed to divide and set out the lands decreed to Sir Anthony Thomas and John Worsopp out of the Fens drained by them on the north-east side of the river Witham, in co. Lincoln. They are to proceed to effect such division, taking care that 1,500 acres of land, and 4*d.* reserved on every acre, be tied for the perpetual maintenance of the works, and that 2,000 acres of the lands decreed to Sir Anthony Thomas and John Worsopp should be conveyed to the use of poor cottagers and inhabitants, 1,600 acres being in the East Fen and 400 in the West Fen. [*Draft.*]

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"Sire, I have learn't of you. When you were young,
Your servants made your princely hand their tongue.
'Ere you could speak, 'ere you were past your spoon,
My royal grandsire granted you your boon;
Then grant me mine, from crying I shall rest,
Only bless him who me, born, unborn, blest.
My suit, suits me, I keep within my pales,
For a Welsh Bishop, who am Prince of Wales,
For one whose suit his service long endears,
Your Mother's, Father's, beadsman twenty years.
Little Charles begs a boon of Charles the Great,
And 'tis to gratify a nurse for teat.
It is my infant suit, if it be sped,
The manner of it may be chronicled,
How Charles the Babe so soon did undertake
The office of a King, a Bishop make.
Your Godlike power of nothing can create,
Lowly is my request, but to translate.
Till I can speak, no more. [*Long may*] you live,
That I may learn to [*ask, and you m*]ay give."

[*In the indorsement the petition is stated to be "for the privilege "of translating a Welsh Book into English." Qu. If not in the handwriting of Theophilus Field, Bishop of St. Davids.*]

Greenwich. 14. The King to the Judges of Assize, Justices of the Peace, and others. Form of Royal letter that the King had extended his special grace towards a recusant, and that no indictment or presentment was thenceforth to be preferred or accepted against him on account of his recusancy. [*Indorsed "L. Falc."*]

15. The same to the Treasurer and Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Commissioners for Recusants, the Judges of Assize, Justices of Peace, and others. Another form to the same effect as the preceding.

16. Report to the King on a petition of Sir Randill Cranfield, at one time annexed, in reference to the matter in difference between him and Sir Robert Harley. The report sets out the grant by the late King to Sir Randill Cranfield, of the office of Master of the Mint; complaints against him for not having "put in burrowes (an old word for security)," for performance of his duty, and not having paid the merchants for bullion within 14 days after their bringing it to the Mint; his being suspended, and superseded, and other grants made to commissioners, and afterwards to Sir Robert Harley; and petitioner's complaints against Sir Robert of underhand dealing. The referees investigate all these subjects, and report that if the complaints against Sir Randill should ultimately prove to be good in law, no loss had thereby acrued to his Majesty, and that Sir Robert Harley's grant came somewhat hastily before the other patent was legally avoided. [*Copy, unsigned.*]

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17. Petition of David Gardiner, of Leith, to the King. By his Majesty's favourable letters to the Viceroy of Barcelona petitioner has almost recovered his ship taken by the pirates of Algiers. But it is pretended that the King's subjects of Scotland are not comprehended under the peace between the King and the Emperor of Turkey. Prays letters that that peace extends to all the King's subjects.

18. Copy of the same.

19. Petition of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden to the same. The King, by a contract dated 27 December in the 4th year of his reign [1628], covenanted with petitioner on payment of a great sum of money to convey to him divers proportions of the late surrounded lands belonging to the manors of Hatfield, Epworth, Belton, Haxey, Wroote, Crowle, and elsewhere, in cos. York, Nottingham, and Lincoln, according to a particular thereof, subject to a rent of 1,100*l.* per annum *de incremento*, with an agreement for an increase or abatement of the rent if new allotments interfered with the quantity of land conveyed. The quantities having fallen short, petitioner prays a reference to persons authorized to settle the abatement of rent.

20. Petition of William Towerson, of Portsmouth, to the same. Petitioner's ship and pinnace, the Diana, and the Mary, of Portsmouth, John Pelham and Robert Adams, captains, victualled and furnished at petitioner's cost of 1,536*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.*, were, by warrant of the late Duke of Buckingham of 6 February 1628, pressed for the Isle of Jersey, to transport Sir Philip Carteret. On their way thither they were surprised and taken by six Dunkirkers, and Captain Pelham was slain. Prays a recommendation to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, that petitioner should be paid his 1,536*l.* 12*s.* 1*d.* in present money or by a tally upon some receipt.

21. Petition of Robert Kirkham to the same. The King's predecessors appointed an officer to take the assay of all plate, and to mark the same with the stamps of the Leopard's head, and the Lion crowned. The Goldsmiths of London have got the custody of those stamps, and have indirectly passed a grant thereof, making themselves the judges in cases in which they only are the offenders. Prays for a grant of the custody of those stamps and the marking of all plate for 21 years, with such fee as the Council shall please.

22. Petition of Edward Yates, sometime servant to Prince Henry, to the same. Petitioner had command of a company in the expeditions to Cadiz, Rhé, and Rochelle, and on his return from the last was serjeant-major of a regiment. The army being dissolved, petitioner obtained to be lieutenant to Sir James Bagg, Governor of the Fort, near Plymouth, where he lent five barrels of the powder to Abraham Biggs, of Plymouth, merchant, on a covenant to return the like quantity to his Majesty's store in a month, which was performed. Lord Mohun having informed the King that his powder

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was embezzled and sold out of the Fort, petitioner has received much wrong and been discharged by Sir James Bagg. Prays pardon and direction to Sir James Bagg to restore petitioner to his place.

23. Petition of Michael Whitefield, Henry Routh, John Williamson, Henry Baynton, Mark Bellwood, and Lawrence Archer to the King. Petitioners have for many years been imprisoned in the castle of York for their conscience, and from extreme poverty and want of friends have undergone great misery. Having understood that it was the King's intention on the late happy birth of a Prince to release such prisoners as petitioners, they beseech pardon and release. [*Indorsed as having been "Sent by her Majesty."*]

24. Petition of Ralph Freeman, Alderman of London, to the same. Having in December 1629, laden in the James, of London, Richard Edmunds, master, bound for Newhaven in France, goods worth 500*l.*, the ship was chased by Dunkirkers, and to avoid capture was run ashore at Iport, on the coast of Normandy. Ship and cargo were seized by Mons. de Mesmont, the Lord of the soil, and after long suit in the Admiralty of France order was made for sale of the goods, and sequestering the proceeds. John Granger, an Englishman, petitioner's attorney, going to Iport to execute this order with certain other persons, Mons. de Mesmont caused them to be set upon with great knotted cords and cudgels, and to save their lives they signed a consent that the goods might be sold by the officers of Fecamp, a town not far from the wreck, who thereupon sold them to Mons. de Mesmont, at a third part of their value. Prays redress for this horrible outrage.

25. Petition of William Walton, and Martha his wife, to the same. Petitioners found and presented to the Attorney General certain lands formerly of Henry Carvill the younger, a papist convict, in Norfolk, to which petitioner Martha should have been heir. They disbursed good sums of money about suits for recovery of the lands before they resigned the same to the Attorney General, and petitioner Walton was imprisoned two years, and obliged to sell all their estates, to repay money borrowed to prosecute the suit. They yet stand indebted 5*l.* Petitioner William Walton was servant to the late King for 17 years. Pray relief.

26. Petition of the Keepers of the Parks within the honor of Ampthill, co. Bedford, to the same. Charge of repairs of the lodges, pales, and fences of these parks has been defrayed by petitioners for many years. They usually received allowance from the Commissioners of the King's revenues held before his access to the crown. For four years past that allowance has ceased, in respect that the said honor had been granted to the Queen, whilst her Majesty's Council of Revenue allege that all charges of repairs are to be defrayed by warrant from the King. Pray payment.

27. Petition of Thomas Archbold, M.A., parson of Harvington, co. Worcester, to the same. Petitioner's brother Dr. Archbold served

[1631 ?] the King's father as Chaplain in ordinary for many years, and was preferred by him to the Deanery of Bristol. Before he enjoyed the benefit of the same he died and left a widow and seven children without means. Petitioner having brought up these children prays for a prebend of Worcester in reversion.

28. Petition of Colonels Sir Thomas Fryer, Robert Farrer, and Philip Hackluit, to the King. Having been called out of the Netherlands and served at Cadiz, Rhé, and Rochelle, and having for three years past been destitute of maintenance, they pray the King to grant them the fee of 13*s.* 4*d.* a day as he has already granted to others for the like service.

29. Petition of Sir Miles Fleetwood and Sir Oliver Luke to the same. Petitioners having endured great wrongs from Lord Lambert and his mother, for whom they have disbursed great sums of money and been paid with bitter public railings and vexatious suits in Chancery, pray that as the King has directed certain Lords to hear the great differences between Lord Lambert and Lord Robartes, he will grant a similar commission to the Lord Keeper and four other Lords to determine the differences between Lord Lambert and petitioners.

30. Petition of Mary Farr and others, having their husbands, sons, and other dear friends in Barbary, to the same. John Harrison, the King's late agent for redeeming his subjects at Sallee, released 260 persons, and established a peace, which continued until of late an English ship bound for Spain, Mr. Maddock being master, and Mr. Wye, merchant, took one of the Sallee ships, and not only sold her and her goods but her men also for slaves to the Spaniards, whereupon our merchants goods and their factors in Sallee are embargoed and divers ships taken and Englishmen made slaves. Pray for redress and the punishment of Maddock and Wye, with a dispatch of Capt. Harrison back again with an answer to letters brought by him from the King of Morocco.

31. Petition of William Waller, prisoner in the New Prison in London, to the Queen. Petitioner being at the point of threescore and ten years of age, and afflicted with a dangerous infirmity, as is known to the Queen's own surgeon, Mons. Aubert, and divers other physicians and surgeons, the daily increase of his grief through restraint of his liberty is likely to shorten his life. Prays removal to the prison of the Clink. [*Indorsed by Sec. Dorchester's secretary "Sent by her Majesty."*]

32. Petition of the Churchwardens and Constables of Blackfriars, on behalf of the whole parish, to Bishop Laud. By reason of a playhouse exceedingly frequented, the inhabitants of Blackfriars suffer many grievances. Pray the Bishop for redress, and for reviving the order heretofore made by the Council and the Lord Mayor and Aldermen for removal of the players. *Underwritten,*

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32. I. *Reasons and inconveniences inducing the inhabitants of Blackfriars to become suitors for removal of the playhouse.* I. *Hindrance to the shopkeepers from the great recourse to the plays, especially of coaches, their commodities being broken and beaten off their stalls.* II. *The recourse of coaches is so great that the inhabitants cannot in an afternoon take in provision of beer, coals, &c.* III. *The passage through Ludgate and to the water is stopped up.* IV. *If there should happen any fire, no order could be taken for quenching it, on account of the disorder and number of coaches.* V. *Christenings and burials are many times disturbed.* VI. *Persons of honour and quality that dwell in the parish are restrained by the number of coaches from going out or coming home.* VII. *The Council, in former times, directed that but two playhouses should be tolerated, one at Bankside, and the other near Golden Lane (which these players still use all the summer), and the Lord Mayor and Aldermen ordered that the players should forbear to play any longer there, which the players promised the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas [Heath], while he was Recorder of London, to observe. Annexed,*

32. II. *Order of the Council for restraint of the inordinate use and company of playhouses and players. Complaints have been made of many houses erected in the City for common stage plays, and lately of a like house building in Golden Lane, by Edward Allen, a servant of the Lord Admiral. The use of plays not being ill in itself, may with good order be suffered, and "her Majesty being "pleased at some times to take delight and recreation in "the sight and hearing of them," order is fit to be taken for allowance "of such persons as are thought meetest to "yield her Majesty recreation and delight," It is ordered, therefore, that there shall be about the City two houses, and no more, one in Surrey, in the Bankside, and another in Middlesex; and the Lords being informed by Edward Tilney, Master of the Revels, that the house to be built by Edward Allen is instead of the Curtain, it is ordered that Allen's house shall be the house allowed in Middlesex; for the house in Surrey, the company of players, being the servants of the Lord Chamberlain, made choice of the Globe, which was consequently allowed. Each company may play twice a week, forbearing to play on the Sabbath day, in Lent, and in times of infection. Court at Greenwich, 1600, June 22. [Copy.]*

32. III. *The Council to the Lord Mayor of London and the Justices of Peace for Middlesex and Surrey. Send each of them a copy of the preceding order, and require them to put the same in execution. 1600, June 22. [Copy.]*

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32. IV. *Order of the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen made upon a petition of the constables and other officers and inhabitants of Blackfriars. The petition set forth that in November* 1596, *the Council forbade the use for plays of a house then preparing to be erected in the Blackfriars, and also recited the Order of Council before calendered, No.* II., *and the letter No.* III., *and a statement of inconveniences similar to No.* I. *It was ordered that the playhouse in the Blackfriars should be suppressed, and that the players should thenceforth desist from playing there.* 1619, *January* 21. [*Copy. These papers are indorsed by Bishop Laud :—"*1631. *The petition of the inhabitants "of the Blackfriars about remove of the players. To the "Council table."*]

33. Petition of Felix Hunt, Robert Rogers, and the rest of the inhabitants of old Paris Garden liberty in St. Saviour's parish in Southwark, to the Council. Petitioners Hunt and Rogers of late bought a lease of a house wherein Mrs. Holland dwelt, who was reputed to keep a house of obscenity. It is divulged, that although she went from thence six weeks back, the said house and twenty others near the same are to be pulled down on Tuesday next. Petitioners have obtained warrants for a watch, but in regard of the many thousands of scrolls and papers cast abroad in the City for aggregating of apprentices to demolish the said houses, it is feared the watch will not be sufficient. Pray that the trained bands of Southwark may attend all that day.

34. Petition of Daniel Buckoke, one of the messengers of the Chamber, to the same. Petitioner was employed by Council warrant for suppressing a book concerning the Amboyna business, which he performed. The business being ended, some persons endeavoured to procure from him a copy of his warrant, which not obtaining, they have complained and incensed their Lordships against him. Not having offended, he prays that their displeasure may be removed. [*The warrant alluded to was granted* 1631, *Sept.* 7, *Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 166, *but was revoked and all restraint upon the sale of the book in question removed, on the following October* 31, *Ibid., p.* 217. *The book was entitled "A true relation of the unjust, cruel, "and barbarous proceeding against the English at Amboyna."*]

35. Petition of Richard Carkes and the poor inhabitants of Marchwood in Hants, to the same. Complain that notwithstanding former orders of the Council and certain referees, John Benister had not laid open a footway leading to their church, mill, and market. Pray his punishment for contempt.

36. Petition of Richard Breton to the same. Prays permission to export from Ireland about 120,000 pipe staves.

37. Petition of Job Bradshaw to the same. Has a ship riding at Bristol bound for Spain. Prays licence to carry out of Ireland a sufficient quantity of pipe staves to make his cask in Spain.

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38. Petition of Nicholas Spicer to the Council. Petitioner and his partners have freighted sundry barges to go for Ireland for pipe staves for Spain where they have great debts. Advice having been given them that this commodity cannot be exported without licence, they pray licence for 100,000 pipe staves.

39. Petition of John Gent to the same. Petitioner has undertaken with certain merchants of London to travel into Spain, there to remain for three years as factor to them. Prays warrant for transportation of his wife and one maid servant along with him.

40. Petition of Richard Chambers, late of London, merchant, now prisoner in the Fleet, to the same. Petitioner lately showed the Lord Treasurer by petition that he had imported into this kingdom various perishable goods of great value, which had been seized for pretended duties of custom and impost, great part of which goods are yet detained, although petitioner has offered bond for what shall be adjudged due; that for his relief petitioner had exhibited his bill in the Exchequer Chamber, which had been ready for hearing now four terms, and several times appointed for judgment; that petitioner had sought by submissive petitions to the King and their Lordships, and by all legal ways, for his goods and his liberty, and had obtained some part of his goods, but no liberty; and that the goods detained are worth above 4,000*l.*, and had been for the most part detained about two years. The Lord Treasurer directed petitioner to apply to the Council, wherefore, in consideration of his long sufferings and losses, having a wife and five children, he prays for delivery of his goods on bond for what shall be adjudged due, with similar bond for what he shall export out of the kingdom.

41. Petition of Benjamin Moore to the same. Having in ignorance of any restraint bought 100 last of brank or buck, a grain in his parts seldom used for food of man, prays licence to transport it on condition of importing the same quantity of rye or barley within the year.

42. Petition of John Beomont [Beaumont ?], George Forbes, Edward Collins, John Powell, and Ephraim Ramsay, to the same. Petitioners having seven years together solicited reparation for the massacre of Amboyna, and the unjust confiscation of their estates on that occasion, his Majesty directed them to repair into Holland and be there examined according to orders given to Sir Henry Vane, his Majesty's extraordinary Ambassador. After staying there twelve months at a charge of 100*l.* a man, they were still totally destitute of relief. Urgently appeal to them to take order for their satisfaction. [*Referred "to a fuller board."*]

43. Petition of John Phillips, one of his Majesty's tenants of Gillingham, co. Dorset, to the same. Petitioner having broken down an inclosure of George Hascole, with a view of trying a question of inclosure, was committed to prison, where he lay until

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he put in sureties to answer at the Assizes (*Vol.* cc., *No.* 42.); but now on some fresh complaint a messenger (as petitioner understands) is sent to apprehend him. Prays that he may be spared from apprehension, and have leave to be at the Assizes to save his recognizances.

44. Petition of Margaret Williams to the Council. Petitioner about six years since kept the Maidenhead Inn in St. Giles's in the Fields, and there entertained many of the horses of Lady Falkland, then inhabiting Drury House. The charges amounted to 13*l.*, whereof she paid 5*l.* Prays them to order Lady Falkland to pay the remainder. [*Underwritten,* "*Nihil.*"]

45. Petition of Hugh Morrell and partners, merchants, to the same. Last year, on advice of great dearth of corn in Ireland, they obtained licence to export some small quantities of corn out of the Western parts into that country. Now, petitioners dwelling in Devonshire, and finding that all sorts of corn fail in those parts, appointed their servants "to make them an employment of two or "three thousand barrels" in Ireland, and coming to export the same for England, they find they cannot be permitted without express licence. Pray for a licence accordingly.

46. Petition of the Mayor and others of Newbury to the same. John Kenrick gave 4,000*l.* to Newbury for erecting a workhouse, and as a common stock for setting the poor on work. The workhouse has been built, but by reason of the deadness of the trade of clothing the work has not taken that effect which was expected, and part of the stock is decreased. Petitioners have taken another way to regain the loss and preserve the stock whole. Pray allowance thereunto.

47. Petition of Edward Bedford to the same. About 22 years ago petitioner was impressed at Bristol in the Phœnix, Capt. Thomas Button, and in that service lost the sight of one eye, and was lamed in the hip. Went afterwards to the Bermudas, where "for six years "he bore office as one of the overseers of the Lord Paget's tribe." On his return took an ancient victualling house at Cow Cross, where he keeps a cook's shop, and having a licence from another house thought he might victual therewith, but Justice Long has withdrawn his licence. Prays for a licence or a pension as a maimed sailor.

48. Petition of Robert Coppyn, of Bargett, co. Suffolk, yeoman, to the same. Having a cause depending in the Star Chamber against Henry Chettock and others, petitioner at Michaelmas 1629 borrowed 250*l.* of Mark Corball, and mortgaged to him lands worth 30*l.* per annum. By reason of the charge of his lawsuit was not able to pay in the amount. Has a friend who is now willing to do so, but Corball will not accept his money, and has drawn petitioner's wife to forsake his company and company with Corball. Prays a protection for a year.

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49. Petition of Adam Rayner, of Barnet, to the Council. Thomas Watson, a common baker of Barnet, and Ralph Gladman, a common baker of St. Alban's, in this time of dearth sell bread in Barnet contrary to law, both for the assize and goodness of the bread. Petitioner being aleconner of Barnet, having seized from Watson and Gladman divers loaves which he found faulty, they endeavour to oppress petitioner with vexatious suits. Pray that they may be convented before their Lordships, and good order taken with them.

50. Petition of Sir Thomas Cotton to the same. Above two years since the study of Sir Robert Cotton, petitioner's father, was by their order sealed up. For enlargement thereof, petitioner in May (being since the decease of his father) petitioned his Majesty, who commanded that a catalogue should be made of the books, which was begun by Mr. Boswell, but he being speedily to be otherwise employed by his Majesty, petitioner prays them to move his Majesty for the restitution to him of his books and papers.

51. Petition of Daniel Bonnell, of London, merchant, to the same. On a petition formerly made to their Lordships, it was ordered that petitioner might land one cask of "plush," nine tons of wine, and certain trusses of canvas, French goods transported into Holland for surer conveyance. The plush and wine have been received, but the canvas with lockrams are not permitted to be landed without a new order. Prays for such order

52. Petition of James Bartlett [?], Samuel Graunt, and five others, bakers, of Westminster, to the same. Some of petitioners had licence of three Justices of Peace for buying wheat, as in the proclamation is provided, within Westminster and Middlesex. They were restrained at Wickham [Wycombe] market on Friday last by Richard Gibbons, Justice of Peace, and Thomas Lock, the Mayor, although the same persons allow John Bigg, who was mayor of Wycombe two years ago, to buy without restraint. Pray them to consider the distress and oppression which poor people now undergo, and to grant petitioners licence to buy wheat in any market.

53. Petition of William King, messenger of the Chamber, to the same. Petitioner was employed with warrant from the King and their Lordships "for the dispaunting" [displanting ?] of English tobacco, in which services he received many great affronts in divers places in co. Gloucester. Against the chiefest of the offenders the Attorney General has preferred an information in the Star Chamber, but the offenders, having gathered their tobacco, daily bring it to London by secret ways, and sell it for Virginia and Bermudas tobacco. Prays a warrant such as he had in the third year of the King's reign to make stay of all English tobacco.

54. Petition of Ottowell Ashmore, mariner, to the same. Petitioner being a gunner at the triumphs on the Thames at the marriage of the Lady Elizabeth; by the breaking of a piece of ordnance lost both his hands. The late King in commiseration granted him 10*l.* a year

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out of the poor's money arising out of the wages of the Navy. Of late the Officers of the Navy have paid him only half his pension, on pretence that he has obtained a place in Sutton's Hospital, whereby he is unable to provide for his children and pay his debts. Prays order for his full payment. [*Underwritten*, "*Nihil.*"]

55. Petition of inhabitants of the Isle of Wight to the Council. By reason of the late dearth of corn his Majesty by proclamation forbade all strangers' ships from victualling within his dominions. (*See* 1630, *Sept.* 28.) Petitioners being in an island, have no other trade but by strangers' ships, which come thither with merchandise to sell for victual, and now it has pleased God to send a plentiful harvest, they pray leave to resume their old accustomed trade.

56. Petition of Sergeants Winter and Smelt to the same. Petitioners and others petitioned a month ago to have their pay for service done in Denmark, and order was given for payment of those that had their captains' certificates, which petitioners could not then procure. They now annex them, and pray warrant to Burlamachi to receive their pay.

57. Petition of Edmund Woder to the same. Has attended the Commission for exacted Fees near upon five years as one of his Majesty's clerks appointed by his signature, and has received no reward except a small sum for pen, ink, and paper. Is now prisoner in the Marshalsea for 5*l.* odd, due to one Canning, a woollen draper, and his coparcener, who have kept him there five weeks notwithstanding their Lordships' reference to Sir William Becher to mediate an end between them. Prays letters to the Commissioners for mediation of debts, between debtor and creditor.

58. Petition of English shipmasters trading into France, to the same. Petitioners have been trained up in navigation, but of late have been much neglected by the English merchants trading into France, who now ship their goods in strangers' bottoms, strangers being masters, contrary to laws and proclamations of the late King. Of late they have freighted ten strangers for one of the petitioners. Pray redress.

59. Petition of Thomas Newton to the same. Sir John Price lately departed the kingdom by reason of one Edmund Bradshaw, who reported that he had lien with Sir John's lady. Petitioner meeting Sir John in foreign parts persuaded him to return to England, which he did. His pardon is now at the Great Seal, and he himself in Wales endeavouring an accord with his Lady and rectifying his estate. Prays the Council to consider the great expense of petitioner in procuring the pardon.

60. Petition of Henry Wight, his Majesty's ward, to the same. His Majesty having signified his pleasure for demolishing a house of petitioner adjoining the Cathedral of St. Paul, he sets forth, 1. That being ward to his Majesty he pays a rent of 50*l.* for 16 years,

[1631 ?] besides that his mother gave, by way of composition for his wardship, 300*l.*, and has only 6*l.* allowed for his maintenance. 2. That his father was a ward very nearly as many years, 3. That two-thirds of his estate is set apart as jointures to his grandmother and mother, and the remainder appointed for portions for his sisters until he comes to 26 years of age. Prays them to take notice of the loss he is likely to sustain, being 40*l.* per annum, and if the house must be pulled down, to afford him a recompence.

61. Petition of Edward Williams to the Council. Complains of the contempt of the Justices of Peace for co. Brecon of letters for his relief as a maimed soldier and prays relief. [*Underwritten,* "*Dispatched.*"]

62. Petition of George Wytham, of London, merchant, to the same. Brought in great quantities of corn from Hamburgh for supply of the realm, whereby he has sustained great loss, and has above 600 quarters lying on his hands too musty for the baker. Prays leave to sell 150 quarters to the starch-maker.

63. Petition of Capt. Henry Bell to the same. According to their warrant of [8] June last delivered up all his papers to Mr. Boswell. They are not yet restored. Wishes his papers not only laid open to their Lordships but published to the eye of the world. Prays that they may be restored to him, or he be called to give an account thereof.

64. Petition of the Mayor and others of Exeter to the same. There are two weekly markets in that city at which the inhabitants furnish themselves with corn, but there are not such quantities brought in as formerly, whereby the poor are likely to suffer. In Cornwall there is more plenty. Pray licence to furnish themselves there with 500 quarters of corn for the poor.

65. Petition of Theodore Gransin to the same. From the copies annexed they will perceive that he had prayed the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London, that Cornelius Godfrey might be summoned to render an account of the estate of Herman Hulsco. He had been answered that Godfrey was not a citizen of London, but that petitioner must address the Council. Prays them therefore to make the desired order. Lat. *Annexed,*

65. I. *Copy of the petition to the* [*Consules et Senatores*] *Lord Mayor and Aldermen of London above mentioned. Lat. Annexed,*

65. I. 1. *Copy will of Herman Hulsco, of which Herman Rieckman and John Wachendorff were appointed executors, and Cornelius Godfrey supervisor. Germ.* (*See Vol.* cxcii., *No.* 35.)

66. Katherine Duchess of Lennox to Sec. Dorchester. Yesterday Lord Cottington told her that he had spoken to the Sec. about a

[1631 ?] man that was to go into Spain, and so to her son. Will he have her write to her son, or no? And what shall she say about the man?

67. Katherine Duchess of Lennox to Sec. Dorchester. Sends a letter from her son. Is sorry for the Sec.'s indisposition. Remts Mr. Davis to his wisdom. Assures herself that her son will be glad of any one who comes by the Sec.'s recommendation. The sooner he goes the better.

68. The same to the same. Sends a letter from her son to the Sec., and one to be presented to his Majesty. The Sec. will see that his noble favours have made her son confident in him.

69. The same to the same. Sends bills of exchange received from her son. Knows not whether they are reasonable or not, and therefore solicits his opinion whether she shall accept of them or desire new. Hears the plague is extreme in Castille. Begs him to dispatch the messenger and give her son such directions as shall seem best either for his going on or removing to some other country. This honest man Mr. Davis will much "steide" him. Begs the Sec. to continue his noble favours to her son, and his good advice both for his safety and breeding.

70. Anne Countess of Argyle to the same. Understands by Sir William Erwin [Irving?] how much they are bound to the Sec. Answers for the desire both of her Lord and son to serve him. Hopes the continuance of his favour will crown the work with a speedy end, that after nine months return to their country they may bring forth this child of justice, which they shall receive as a forerunner of his Majesty's greater favours.

71. Henry Earl of Manchester, Lord Privy Seal, to the same. The proposition made by the Earl for the Sec. was unanimously concurred in. They also reserved for him the nomination of a scholar and a pensioner's place.

Whitehall, Tuesday. 72. Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey to the same. The King desires that by the post that is now going into Germany he should write to Sir Henry Vane to send him an account of what has been done for clearing the business concerning Lord Reay by testimonies of persons in the King of Sweden's service.

Friday. 73. Sir Francis Willoughby to the same. Notice is given him that instant of a citizen that has offended the law as by a "memory" inclosed is expressed. He is yesternight with his maid put into Newgate. Begs the Sec. to move the King to bestow his estate upon the writer, who will let fall so much of his claims. Sir William Slingsby, the writer's wife's uncle, offers to stay a chest of plate and money received from the citizen's house to his next neighbour's. [*The indorsement states the letter to be "about Richard "Ducksfield's estate."*]

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74. George Viscount Chaworth to Sec. Dorchester. Draws his attention to certain erasures in an order, and the punishment inflicted upon himself and certain other persons by leaving them out of all commissions. [*Much mutilated.*]

75. Sir John Carleton to his uncle, Sec. Dorchester. Perceives by his brother George that he has incurred the Earl of Dorset's displeasure by a misinformation of Mr. Tailor, of Wisbeach. Mr. Tailor was the only refractory man among his neighbours who absolutely refused to compound [for knighthood ?]. The sum demanded was only 15*l.*, and the writer was of opinion that the Earl would not engage his word for so small a matter. Is so far from undervaluing the Earl's power that he desires to be commanded by it. Thanks for an offer of the Sec.'s house. With the writer's family he must have a larger, but will endeavour to get one in his neighbourhood.

76. Elizabeth Lady Poulett to the same. Recommends a servant to him, and professes desires to serve him.

77. Bishop Field, of St. David's, to the same. Thanks for great favours conferred upon him. Happier than the Angel of Bethesda, he has rendered the turbid waters limpid to the writer. He has plunged him in and drawn him out. He has cured his wound and given him the means to live. Lat.

78. Petition of Lieutenant Colonel Hone and Capt. John Powell to the same. Petitioners lately petitioned the King for erecting in Ireland an office for the enrolment of deeds for transferring freehold estates. Their petition was recommended by the Sec. to the Committee for Irish Affairs. Pray that their petition may receive a final discussion here, and not be referred to the Judges in Ireland. [*Indorsed is the draft of an answer to another petition of an unnamed petitioner, directing the Judges to respite a prisoner until the King be informed concerning his offence.*]

79. Petition of John Gilbert, son of Winchcombe Gilbert, to the same. Prays for a letter to the Farmers of the Customs in the Port of London to admit him to the place of a land-waiter under them.

80. Sir Richard Harrison to the same. Sends particulars of Mr. Warcop's lease of Goulder's farm. It belonged to Magdalen College, and through Dr. Frewen, the President, the Sec. might procure the possession if he could deal with Warcop. The Sec.'s letter to Lady Savile came in good time. He was in danger of losing a mother's blessing which she intends him by her will. She is in somewhat better health. Would be glad to hear the like news.

81. Minute of application of John Clarke to the same, for furtherance of licence to Francis Lentall and John Hunt, to transport 200 lasts of corn out of Norfolk and Suffolk into the United Provinces.

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[1631 ?] 82. Henry Lucas to Sec. Dorchester. Sends papers apparently relating to certain beaver skins in dispute between the Canada Company and the French. [*Very much mutilated.*]

83. Judith Lady Barrington to the same. Regrets that Lady Dorchester had not taken that place [Hatfield Broad Oak] in her way as she returned to London [from Glemham]. A sickly year in those parts. Begs her protection to her husband against being nominated Sheriff. His father was considered free on account of his spending so much of his time in the county's service. The same reasons may be for his son.

84. Lieutenant Henry Skipwith to the same. All his miseries have not so much perplexed him as the Sec.'s heavy displeasure. If he does not clear himself from all the reproaches cast upon him by his enemies, let his country cast him forth, his name not own him, and his friends renounce him. Begs him to order Calandrini to pay the writer what he has proved due to him in the Court of Requests.

85. James Levingston to the same. It is the King's pleasure that he prepare a licence for the levy of soldiers in Ireland according to a commission granted to the bearer, the Master of Forbes, by the King of Sweden.

86. Dr. Henry Gooch to the same. Solicits his mediation with the King to procure for him some appointment. Many are no doubt suitors to his Majesty, but none who have travelled so far. The University wherein he has lived these four and thirty years, can inform his Majesty of the writer's life and doctrine.

87. Sir Richard Catchmay to the same. He and his son were altogether strangers to the offence committed by his son's servant. Gave him up to justice as soon as he understood it. Thought it not right to sue to him before, but now prays him to be a means to stop any further proceedings against him, knowing how unhappy a thing it is to be questioned even in innocency, especially for a man of the writer's age and rank.

88. Arnold Florentz van Langren, Hollander, and Cosmographer to the King of Spain, to [the same ?]. The writer's father and himself were the first inventors of globes, as appears by Letters Patent granted in 1592. The writer also presented in 1609 a terrestrial globe of the largest size to the Archduke in Brabant; and as the world is daily more and more discovered by continual navigation, he is diligent to insert the new discoveries on his globes. He enumerates the additions which have been made with the pen from 1608 to 1630, and describes two globes, one terrestrial, the other celestial, which have been completed and have been dedicated to his Excellency [Dorchester ?]. Prays his acceptance of them. Fr.

89. Nathaniel Taylor to the same. Being silenced at his last being at the Council board, durst not deliver the reasons he had

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to move the Lords to have commiserated his case. Has therefore desired to embark with Sir Pierce Crosby for the intendment for Sweden, as he had done long before in the first undertaking of the Marquis of Hamilton, but being put off from both, he knows not what to do. Sec. Coke recommended him to seek to the States for recovery of his place, but he would rather live on bread and water than having been Lieutenant of the Ordnance to a Royal Majesty [King of Sweden ?] again become gentleman of the Artillery to a public State. Begs his favour and furtherance of his suits to his Majesty.

90. [Robert] Delamain to Sec. Dorchester. It is not long since he presented to the King his Grammelogia, or Mathematical Ring, with a manuscript of the description, who gave him his royal grant for the sole disposure of the instrument and book. Presents to the Sec. a copy of the book, with thanks for his speedy signing of the grant without charge. The conceit is a ring which works arithmetical and mathematical questions only by the eye. If the Sec. desires a sight of the ring he is there to wait upon him.

91. Statement of the circumstances under which three parishes in Essex, the Soken [Walton le Soken], and the lands belonging to the Dean of St. Paul's [Wickham St. Paul's, and Belchamp St. Paul's] claimed exemption from the rate for purveyance.

92. Treatise entitled "The King's interest in the sea and the com-" modities thereof, as namely fish and the like." [*This valuable paper is full of information respecting the Dutch fisheries, and the King's right to take payment by way of acknowledgment of his title from persons fishing on the coasts of the three Kingdoms. It contains also, many practical suggestions for the encouragement of fishing.*]

93. Statutes of the most noble Order of the Garter, as altered by King Henry VIII., with marginal notes, exhibiting the various alterations made by those and subsequent statutes of the same order. Compiled by Dr. Matthew Wren, Dean of Windsor and Registrar of the Order. Lat.

94. Note of fees to be paid for leases of the Queen's lands. If the ancient rent was under 5*l.*, the total charge was 5*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*; if above, 9*l.* 17*s.* 2*d.*

95. Account of the application of 114*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.*, received on 24 May 1631, by the Earl of Pembroke, out of the Exchequer, for payment of servants wages in Whitehall and St. James's Park for half a year due at Lady Day 1631.

96. Notes out of the canon law concerning commendams.

97. Note as to the King's power, as visitor of the Universities, to call before him the authorities thereof, and that his so doing is no breach of the statute which exempts them from foreign jurisdiction,

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98. Certificate of Jane Leader and twenty-four other women of Walden, that Goody Tayler was a modest and sober woman, and had not opposed their minister out of any undutiful disposition, but that she had not come up to the communion table, being a weak woman, and the communion table standing upon lofty and bleak stairs. Pray that if the place formerly used be not approved, the Commissary would appoint some more convenient place whereby all the women of Walden that are child-bearing should have cause to pray for him.

99. Petition of Arthur Cresheld, one of the Proctors of the Court of Arches, to Archbishop Abbot, of Canterbury. Understood that he had incurred the Archbishop's displeasure in procuring an inhibition *in causâ* Alexander *contra* Dr. Potter. He procured the same 8 Nov. 1630. It was the first inhibition brought in that cause, and what he did was then of usual course in causes of the like nature. He did it for another proctor without any benefit to petitioner. Beseeches his gracious construction and favour.

100. Certificate of John Welden, Joseph Bradshaw, Abraham Bradshaw, and six others, to Bishop Laud. Nathaniel White, curate of Trinity Chapel at Knightsbridge, had conferred with them about the reverent gesture of kneeling at the Holy Communion, with which for the time to come they promise to comply.

101. Notes concerning the privileges of the Junior Fellows [of King's College, Cambridge], and that a Fellow could not, without breach of statute have a lease from the College, and keep his fellowship. [*Indorsed as relating to Dr. Simpson; see Vol.* clxiii., *No.* 35.]

102. Articles objected by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners against Michael Sparke, James Bouler, Nicholas Bourne, and Henry Overton, servant of Mrs. Shefford, of London, stationers. They are charged with having caused to be printed without licence the scandalous book entitled "Rome's Ruin," wherein are passages taxing not only the whole State but also some particular Bishops and persons of eminent place in the Church.

103. Petition of George Huntley to Attorney General Noy. Every man who has taken the Oath of Supremecy is bound to defend the royal jurisdiction over the state ecclesiastical. The Archdeacon of Canterbury, Dr. Kingsley, in commanding the petitioner by an uncanonical, anticanonical, antidiplomatical, antiprerogative postscript, private letter and message, to preach his visitation sermon, has gone beyond the canons and contrary to the canons and to his Majesty's prerogative. Petitioner prays the Attorney General to procure petitioner leave at the King's Bench bar to defend the jurisdiction of the Crown over the whole clergy, he pledging himself to defend the same solidly against all men, and to show that the Archdeacon and all such as have assisted him are to be fined and imprisoned at his Majesty's pleasure. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud.*]

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104. Minute of a consultation with Attorney General Noy, and other proceedings in reference to an action brought by Mr. Huntley against Drs. Balcanqual and Barker, and others of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, for false imprisonment. The Attorney General was of opinion that the defendants must plead the High Commission, but this course being objected to as derogatory, it was arranged, that Bishop Laud and Dr. Rives, the King's Advocate, should acquaint his Majesty with the business.

105. Form of an indictment for sodomy, sent to Sec. Dorchester. [*Probably with reference to the case of the Earl of Castlehaven.*]

106. Notes out of the civil law, probably extracted in reference to the same case.

107. Another similar paper of notes.

108. Another similar paper.

109. Extract from some work descriptive of the state of religion in the United Provinces. Lat. [*Indorsed by Sec. Dorchester, "Suntius touching religion."*]

110. Instructions for Roman Catholic priests sent into England for missionary purposes, as to the government of their conduct and conversation. Lat.

111. "Reasons conceived by Spanish instruments for liberty of "Popery in England." Span. [*Indorsed, in the words above quoted, by Sec. Dorchester.*]

112. Grievances against which Sir John Mychell, and John Mychell his son, conceive that they have just cause of complaint. They consist of wearisome delays and admission of unjust pleas in the Court of Chancery in a case instituted by Sir John Mychell and John Mychell against Sir George Peckham, and also in an action on the case by Sir John against George Fouch, a Master in Chancery, for slander.

113. Collections out of the Books of the Law concerning the King's Grants, Pardons, Dispensations, Letters Patent, and Non Obstantes.

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1. Brief in a cause of Thomas Duncombe *versus* Harward, tithe gatherer, and Pewtrace, incumbent or vicar of the hamlet of Oldswick, in the parish of Monks Risborough, co. Buckingham, respecting the tithes of Oldswick.

2. Copy of the same.

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[1631 ?] 3. Notes of proceedings in a cause which turned upon the condition of mind of Peter Bland at the time when he executed a conveyance of lands to Laurence Lownes. Among the witnesses who deposed on one side or the other, and whose evidence is briefly stated, are Bishop White, of Norwich, Edward Sherville [Sherfield], of Lincoln's Inn, Henry Earl of Marlborough, with the Ladies Marg. and Phœbe Ley, Sir Walter Long, Sir Richard Minshull, Sir Bevis Thelwall, and Adrian Scrope. Sir John Finch, whose reply is reported, was counsel for the plaintiff. (*See Vol.* cii., *No.* 73.)

4. Brief for the plaintiffs in a cause in Chancery of Sir Thomas Darnell and Dame Sarah his wife, plaintiffs, and Benjamin Valentine, Francis Tindall, John Selden, and Robert Mason, defendants. The question in the cause was, whether certain gifts to the defendants, contained in the will of Susan Fisher, deceased, the mother of the plaintiff, Lady Darnell, were for their own benefit or in trust for Lady Darnell. Valentine, who it is stated had been the solicitor of the testatrix in her suits against Sir Edward Fisher, denied the trust; Tindall admitted it; Selden admitted it; Mason denied it.

5. Notes of various charters and records in which are set forth the peculiar jura regalia possessed by the Bishops of Durham. Indorsed "The best breviat for the Lord Gray."

6. Certificate of all the honors, lordships, manors, lands, and tenements in cos. Middlesex, Essex, Hertford, Suffolk, Cambridge, Norfolk, and Huntingdon, granted to Queen Henrietta Maria as parcel of her jointure, and being in the office of Justinian Povey, auditor. [*Imperfect.*]

7. Brief of the proofs *ex parte* Lord Holland in a suit against Anne widow of William Lord Sandys, the elder, respecting the estate of her late husband. [*Very much mutilated and imperfect.*]

8. The Bailiff of Leominster to the Justices of Assize for co. Hereford. Reports that according to the King's late directions, and the laudable laws of the realm, he had seen punished seven enumerated wandering persons and ten drunkards.

9. Brief notes of documents, principally grants of offices and custodies, entered on the Patent Roll, 1 Edward II., part 1.

10. Entry of a judgment in the Forest Court of Waltham Forest in a cause of Attorney General Heath against Sir William Rowe, for recovery of the manor of Higham Bempsted, otherwise Higham Bemsted, otherwise Higham Hills, in Waltham Forest, and the Court Leet and other privileges appertaining to the same. The manor was adjudged to Sir William Rowe, the Court Leet and privileges to the Crown. [*Draft in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath.*]

11. Brief note, in the same handwriting, of a claim by the same Attorney General of the manor of Woodgrange in the same Forest.

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12. Claim, in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath, of the right of fishing in the water called the Shearstream in Waltham Forest.

13. Plea by the same Attorney General in admission of a claim of John Trafford.

14. Instructions for preparing, on behalf of certain inhabitants of Waltham Holy Cross, a claim of various common rights upon the two marshes belonging to Waltham town.

15. Similar instructions on behalf of John Goulding.

16. The like on behalf of and signed by Richard Searle.

Clement's Inn. Wednesday night. 17. Edward Offley to his father-in-law John Kelyng, at Hertford. Reports that he had attended the Attorney General, who had given directions for amendment of certain forest claims. The writer's cousin Jasper was entering the presentments.

18. Notes, in the handwriting of Sec. Coke, apparently derived from a survey of the forts at Gravesend and Tilbury, with particulars of the cost of various repairs required in each of them.

19. Note of persons bound to serve as trained soldiers, or to find substitutes, in the parish of St. Mary Bothaw, London.

20. Petition of Wm. Newman, clerk of the stores for the Coopers' yard at Tower Hill, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Great quantities of pipe staves, clove boards, &c., are yearly brought from foreign parts into the Thames, for the supply of his Majesty's stores for cask for beer, beef, pork, and pease for the Navy, and for the Corporation of Coopers to furnish merchant ships, but such commodities are exported again for Spain before his Majesty or the Corporation are furnished. Prays authority to stay the same.

21. Petition of Thomas White and Company to Lord Treasurer Weston and other the Judges Delegates for Appeals from the Admiralty. Their ship the Renew having taken the Laneere laden with prohibited commodities, Reynez lez Gillon being master, the ship and part of the goods being claimed by Simon Lopez, Diego Fonseca and Company, were adjudged against petitioners, who thereupon appealed to the persons addressed. Pray citation for Lopez and Fonseca to appear, and a monition to the Registrar of the Admiralty to transmit the proceedings in that Court. [*Indorsed by Nicholas "This business upon a Commission of Appeal to special Delegates "was remitted, and therefore this is a great abuse."*]

Petition of the Comptroller, Surveyor, and Clerk, three of the principal Officers of the Navy, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Pray them to take into consideration the underwritten reasons moving the petitioners to crave an increase of their salaries, which are the same as they were at the first erection of their offices in

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the reign of Henry VIII., though a groat then was as valuable as a shilling now. [*See* DOM. *Elizabeth*, 1590, *Vol. of Admiralty Collections, fo.* 137 *b.*] *Underwritten,*

I. *Reasons for increase of means to the Comptroller of the Navy. It is shown that their profits were greatly reduced by recent alterations; the change in the value of money is stated thus:—a pound sterling in the reign of Henry VIII. was but* 20*s., which is now* 3*l.; and there had been increase in the payments to the Treasurer and all subordinate officers.* [*See Ibid., p.* 138.]

II. *Similar reasons for an increase of salary to the Surveyor of the Navy.* [*See Ibid., p.* 139.]

22. Rules for calculating the proper proportions between the sizes of masts and yards of ships. [*Indorsed in the handwriting of Capt. Pennington.*]

23. Copy of the same.

24. Account of sums paid by the Trinity House, upon account of the ship Charles, employed for discovery of the north-west passage; total, 1,320*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.*

25. Note of the certificates returned from several counties, concerning the Book of Orders sent down by the King, under which the Justices of Peace were directed to take measures for relief of the poor.

26. The occasion, and some reasons, why Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, has so much opposed the other officers and the government of that office. The disputes in question are traced to Sir John's questioning various persons for sums, wherein he supposed his brother had been wronged, his principal desire being thereby to lessen the 8,000*l.* wherein his late brother, Sir William Heydon, was found indebted to the King.

27. Statement of the present state of the Office of the Ordnance, addressed to the Council [?] by some officer of that branch of the service, whose name does not appear.

28. Comments on a proposal for placing debentures upon the ordinary of the Ordnance for services, which were propounded to be defrayed upon extraordinary Privy Seals, and concerning the form of the quarter-books, and the prices of match and other provisions, by the now Lieutenant questioned.

29. Heads of what Lord Vere, Master of the Ordnance, recommends to the Commissioners upon that office. He requests them to define the duties of the several officers; doubts the necessity of estimates, and suggests that the money issued for the Ordnance should be kept, and be paid there.

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30. Roger Fawkenor to the Commissioners for the Armouries. Information as to the results of keeping armours and swords in the Ordnance, instead of in the Armoury.

31. The same to the same. Information of abuses in the Armoury. Proposes that the whole establishment shall be done away with, the armourers being pensioned. He will undertake to keep all the King's armours at the Tower, Greenwich, and at Portsmouth in repair, for the sum now paid for that service, and also to make a certain number of armours yearly.

32. Estimate of the weight and prices of 28 demi-culverins and 28 sakers of cast iron, total, 1,000*l.*; to be supplied to Sir James Bailly, in consideration of his having disbursed 1,000*l.* in victualling one of the King's ships, commanded by Capt. Herbert, forced into harbour on the coast of Scotland by foul weather.

33. Petition of Thomas Lowther to the Council of War. Similar to that in *Vol.* clxxxvii., *No.* 72, except that petitioner had now been in prison "almost twelve months." When he presented his previous petition, he stated that he had been in prison half a year.

34. Petition of Nicholas Delaval, tailor, to the same. Prays order to Mr. Calandrini to stop 48*l.*, due to him from Sir Charles Vavasour, one of the Denmark commanders.

35. Division of the counties, with the proportions for making saltpetre per week, conceived to be most for the advancement of his Majesty's service. Annexed is a statement of the surplusage of three of the saltpetremen, contracted to be supplied above the proportions mentioned in this paper.

36. Value of the ordnance taken in the Notre Dame and St. Peter, being for the most part Dutch ordnance; total, 236*l.*

37. Names of Commissioners for the Fishing in Scotland, with appointment for their meeting.

38. Statement by Sir Thomas Roe, of what he had effected towards freedom of trade in the Baltic, and of what remains to be done, with advice as to the course which ought to be pursued, both by the Eastland Merchants and the English Government.

39. Statement of the case as it then existed between the English Company trading to Greenland and the Hollanders. [*Imperfect.*]

40. Memorandum of the "English Merchants;" what they understand their goods on board the Benediction sold for in France; total, 6,929*l.* 13*s.* 11*d.*

41. Particular of the carriage of the sale of the goods of the James, of London, at Dieppe. Order was obtained by the English Ambassador suspending the sale, whereupon Capt. Bontemps took post for Paris, and procured an order contradicting the former, and on his return proceeded to sell the next morning.

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42. Petition of Walter Coventry, Nicholas Crisp, and others, Merchants Adventurers, and proprietors of the James, of London, to the Council. Some of their goods being in the hands of Mr. Burlamachi, the petitioners pray a reference to Sir Henry Marten, to do them justice, so far as such goods extend, and for the rest that they may have letters of marque.

43. Proposition for the incorporation of a Company for exporting fish in English bottoms.

44. ——— to the Council. Puts them in mind of their interference to prohibit all merchants from importing commodities from countries within the charter of the Turkey Company, and argues from it in favour of the incorporation mentioned in the preceding article.

45. Account of proceedings in a Convention of Estates in Scotland, to whom the Lord Chancellor laid open the project for establishing an Association of the Two Kingdoms, for encouragement of the Fishing trade. The Burghs answered that the privilege of fishing in lochs or bays, or at sea, for the distance of "two kennings" from the shore, was theirs, and that they would admit no partners, either natives or strangers. Being asked what part they would take in the Buss-fishing, they answered that Buss-fishing is to be beyond two kennings from the land, and that they would not have those engaged in it to partake in the land fishing, or to land at all, but to make their fish on shipboard as the Flemings do. Certain noblemen, with John Hay and one Lanier, were appointed to treat with a Committee of the English.

46. Considerations, in the handwriting of Sec. Coke, for the treaty with the Commissioners of Scotland, for the establishment and incorporation of a national Association or Company for exclusive fishing in the British Seas.

47. Statement of what is required from the Lords and Gentry of Scotland, towards the suggested fishing. It is desired that they would build 40 busses, to be paid for at English rates, and undertake to provide the same with salt, victuals, nets, and cask.

48. Articles [suggested by the Scottish Commissioners] as the basis of a treaty for the establishment of an Association for the promotion of fishing.

49. Extracts from Statutes of Scotland, whereby strangers are forbidden to fish in Scottish waters, and Scottish fishermen are forbidden to sell their fish to strangers. Underwritten are observations by Capt. John Mason [addressed to Sec. Coke]. He suggests that the King should dispense with these laws as applicable to English persons, until the next Parliament held in Scotland, and in the meantime, should purchase the Isle of Lewis, and proclaim free liberty of fishing to all his subjects of Scotland, paying for the ground leave to pack and peel what is usual to the Lord of the soil.

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50. Answer of the English Committee for the Fishing Association, to objections made by the Commissioners from Scotland. The King's intention to maintain existing rights is insisted upon. A popular "agreation" of all the undertakers is not to be admitted. All their liberties depend wholly upon the King's grace, and he has expressed his purpose that his Council in both kingdoms shall advise them in anything that may require further consideration. It is wished that his Majesty's clear intentions may prevail with the Scottish Commissioners, as they have done with those of England, not to question, but to advance and settle so important a work.

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51. Passport for William Harris, of Bristol, free of the Society of the Fishing of Great Britain and Ireland, and now employed for the Adventurers in the fishing, to the Isle of Lewis in Scotland.

52. The Master and others of the Trinity House to the Council. Present various calculations designed to exhibit the loss which would arise to the kingdom from permitting strangers to export fish caught by English fishermen.

53. Answer of some unnamed person, who desired to contract for supply of powder, to a question put to him by [the Lord Treasurer?] as to the rate at which he would convert into powder, saltpetre provided for his Majesty's speedy service. The answer is, that if covenants were entered into, he would take certain mills for which he was in treaty, and would then execute what was desired at 8*d.* per pound.

54. Information of an outrage committed by William Dutton and William Fisher, constables, acting under a warrant from the Lord Mayor, at Bartholomew Fair. Upon exception of the Drapers of London against the Clothiers at the fair, endeavour was made to arrest a clothier, who had a standing in the fair, in the liberty of the Earl of Holland, and in that endeavour the alleged misconduct was committed.

55. Hugh Perry, merchant, to the Council [?]. Apology against aspersions upon him, about getting off the licences of English cloth in Flanders, and indirect courses in trade.

56. Statement of [Anthony Wither], concerning the opposition he received from Nathaniel Stephens, Justice of the Peace in co. Gloucester, in the performance of his commission, to see to the true execution of the statutes for clothing.

57. Another similar statement of [Anthony Wither], concerning the similar opposition of Sir John Danvers.

58. Report of the Commissioners for the business of the Strangers, on a petition of the English Bay and Say makers of Colchester, containing a complaint against the Dutch Bay and Say makers of the same town. Having heard both the parties, the Commissioners

[1631?] recommended twelve practical regulations for the government of the bodies in question. [*Draft in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath.*]

59. Statement, also in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath, of the complaint of the English Bay and Say makers in Colchester, above mentioned, and the answers of the Dutch.

60. Minutes, also in the handwriting of Attorney General Heath, of the inconveniences occasioned to English merchants by the tare of English cloth in Holland, and of a proposal to prevent the same by appointing a taring officer in London, with the proposals made by the intended officer.

61. Minutes of petitions of the fishermen of Yarmouth, and the salters and fishmongers of London. They desire that no incorporation may be granted to the salt makers, and offer to pay what imposition upon salt the King may please to lay.

Note of money collected by Edward Stringer from strangers, for consulage, payable to the Levant Company from 1623 to 1629, whilst Sir Thomas Roe was Ambassador at Constantinople, and during the first three years of the embassy of Sir Peter Wyche. [*See Corresp. of Levant Company, Vol.* i., *No.* 78.]

62. Petition of Philip Farrant, William Smith, William Pursell, Nicholas May, William Slann, Thomas Milton, and Thomas Allins, in behalf of the parishioners of Sunninghill, to the Officers of the Green Cloth. Sunninghill is reported to be a sixth part of the hundred of Cookham, and they have paid taxes, and served his Majesty in his removes accordingly, when, indeed, they make not a twelfth part; besides which, the inhabitants of Cookham and Binfield, which make up the hundred, are men of great estate, and their grounds free from deer, whilst petitioners are mean men, their grounds barren, and the deer seldom out of them. Pray for inquiry by the Justices of Peace.

63. William Hendrick to [Francis Windebank?]. Sets down, on his desire, a course proper to be adopted in the application of Kenrick's gift to the town of Reading, for setting the poor to work.

64. Articles suggested for regulation of the dornix weaving and draught works within the city of Norwich.

65. Project for the appointment of a General Surveyor of the Markets. He was to make a deputy in every market in England and Wales, who should enter duly what corn was brought to market, by whom brought, and to whom sold.

66. Survey of a piece of pasture in Lilsworth, co. Northampton, part of the possessions of William Taylour, of Brixworth. It adjoins land of Sir John Lambe.

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67. Survey of the bailiwicks of Surrey, Battles, and Finchamp stead, in the Forest of Windsor, setting forth their boundaries, the names of the officers, the several woods, and numbers of trees therein, with the numbers of deer. William Milton is enumerated among the "*subvagatores*" in Battles bailiwick. [*Draft. Damaged by damp.*]

68. Inigo Jones and others, Commissioners for Buildings, to the Council. Presentment of David Mallard, shoemaker to the King, for erecting a dwelling-house on a piece of ground in St. James's field, taken a year or two ago by John Bonnealle, a Frenchman, now deceased, under pretence of making a Pall Mall. [*Mallard, or as he is called in the Council Register, Mallock, undertook to demolish the obnoxious building by Candlemas Day,* 1632. *Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 215, 1631, *Oct.* 28.]

69. Richard Sandes to [Sec. Dorchester?]. Complains of the inclosing of lands and decay of tillage, and that the King's Book of Orders was not properly attended to. More tillage and husbandry would make plenty, and employ thousands.

70. The same to the same. Urges the topics of his last letter more vehemently. The summer [of 1631] has been the fruitfullest in many years; but the farmers keep back their corn, and will sell but little before the strength of May be past.

71. List of depopulators, who have been dealt with in Lincolnshire, with particulars of each case. The persons enumerated comprise Sir Charles Hussey, Sir Henry Ayscough, Sir Hamond Whichcote, Sir Edward Carr, Sir William Wray, Sir Edmund Bussey, Richard Rossiter, Robert Tirwhitt, and John Tredway.

72. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Hertford, of their proceedings in relief of the poor within the hundred of Dacorum.

73. Similar certificate for the hundred of Broadwater, and the half hundred of Hitchin.

74. Indenture between Sir Edward Wardour, of Westminster, and John Toppe, of Stockton, co. Wilts. Sir Edward conveys to Mr. Toppe certain land at Stockton. [*Prepared for execution, but not executed; afterwards altered and converted into a draft. Damaged by damp.*]

75. Michael Osbaldston to George Roydun [Rawden]. Desires his mediation with Lord Conway, as to where the writer's house shall stand. The late Lord gave order that it should stand on the common, hard by Richard Purser's house, which was burnt down; but the opposite neighbours, "my Lord's enemies," say that if it stands there, they will pluck it down. They durst not have so threatened in the old Lord's time. Mr. Fortescue takes their part. Wishes Lord Conway to write to him, and to threaten the intended rioters with the Star Chamber.

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[1631 ?] 76. Statement by Mr. Forster [Richard Forster?] of a dispute between him and Mrs. Crofts, (on whose behalf Lord Goring and Anthony Crofts were interested in the matter), respecting a grant of old arrears, said to be due to his Majesty from coal mines at Benwell, co. Northumberland.

77. ——— to his cousin, Robert Smith, one of the messengers of the Chamber. Mr. Austin knows no such woman, but confesses he was bound with Anthony Allen, of Rochester, to one widow Allen, for 20*l.*, which has been paid.

78. Account addressed in the indorsement to Burlamachi, showing the profit upon a licence to import 10 tuns of wine. The person rendering the account had had such licences in 1628, and "for this "year 1631."

79. Certificate of the manner of the falling out between George Monger and Edward Raynes, in which the latter received a wound of which he died. The transaction took place at Ash in Surrey.

80. Information of J. Barter against —— Smith, postmaster at Canterbury, for refusing to furnish him with horses on his arrival in that city with the King's packet from Lord Scudamore.

81. Regulations [corrected by Sec. Coke] for the transmission of "portmantles," probably containing letters, along the principal roads in England.

82. Minute of a proposal for repeal of the laws of sewers recently made at Huntingdon and Stilton, concerning works to be done in the Isle of Ely.

83. Agreement respecting sluices and other drains to be made in the fens near Wisbeach.

84. Form of oath taken by the Keeper of the Council Chest.

85. Account of money due to Sir James Young up to Lady-day 1631, upon pensions granted to him by the late and present King. Total 1,230*l.*

86. Minutes of letters to be written by official persons indicated by Sec. Dorchester in the margin. They are in connection with a recent mission of Capt. Giles Penn to Tetuan, whence he had brought hawks for the King's service, and was about to return thither for a further supply of hawks and horses.

87. Note by John Lewgar of moneys paid by him for the purchase of two leases, one of his shop and the other of premises let by him to John Cox, barber surgeon. The leases were obtained from the Dean and Chapter and the petty canons of [St. Paul's]. The paper is indorsed "John Barbor."

88. Concurrence of [Lord Treasurer Weston?] in an agreement made by Simon Watson with William Gomeldon for a composition

[1631 ?] to be paid by Watson, for money heretofore given him in charge to collect in co. Cambridge, for the use of the Princess Palatine, and defence of the Palatinate. [*Draft.*]

89. Names of the Posts employed in foreign service under the Postmaster, Matthew de Quester. They are three for France, six for the Netherlands, Germany, and Italy; four for Paris and France extraordinary.

90. Lord Treasurer Weston [?] to Sir Thomas Fanshaw, King's Remembrancer of the Exchequer. Warrant to issue an extent against Walter Coventry, who has been found by inquisition indebted to Nicholas Polhill 1,800*l.*, which is seized into his Majesty's hands towards satisfaction of a debt owing to his Majesty by Thomas Horth [Hoarth ?] for salt rent. [*Copy.*]

91. Katherine Countess of Suffolk to Mr. Cendall. Thanks for his good news, that the King has given Grinfield's [Sir Richard Grenville's ?] fine to her son. It will free her son of a great deal of trouble. Hears that Lady Grinfield [Grenville ?] will be in London the week before the term. Begs Cendall to speak with Mr. Courtney, to find out such lands as are the fittest for her to tie upon Bess Howard. Is sorry to hear the baron will be cut. Hoped Lady Shelley's water would have brought down the gravel. Knows he has a great heart and a brave spirit to undergo anything, and if the Frenchman be skilful, hopes there will be no danger.

92. [William Belou ?] to [Endymion Porter ?]. Sends information to satisfy the King, and apparently in support of the grant solicited in *Vol.* clxxxii., *Nos.* 13 and 14. Explains the advisableness of the solicited grant, and that the 15,000*l.* to be obtained by it is to be applied, 5,000*l.* in payment of a debt due to the late Duke of Holstein, and the residue upon his Majesty's servants [the solicitors and designed grantees ?].

93. Poem in praise of the virtues of a religious life.

Begins:—

> Hezekiah's comfort was, he God did love,
> Uprightly had him serv'd, and like a dove
> Was holy in his life;

Ends:—

> He doth call
> Our good deeds to mind, and He will give
> Rich crowns to those that purely live.

94. Justices of Peace for co. York to the Sheriff. Certify the measures taken for relief of the poor within the liberties of Beverley Hallgarth, in the East riding of the same county.

Vol. CCVII.

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A small folio volume, apparently prepared for the press, and entitled, "The arraignment of the Earl of Castlehaven, wherein is "set forth as well the manner thereof as of his death and execution, "with other passages between his condemnation and time of execu- "tion. * * * * Collected and composed, Anno Domini 1631." Besides what is above stated the volume contains certain passages between the Earl and some of his friends in the interim of his condemnation and execution; the questions put to the Judges on the Earl's trial, with their answers; the confessions of Broadway and Fitzpatrick at Tyburn; and the volume closes with "A compen- "dious description of Mervyn late Earl of Castlehaven, wherein the "true picture of his mind and affections towards the later end of "his time is faithfully represented."

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Volume of Collections relating to the Jurisdiction of the Lord High Admiral and the Court of Admiralty. [*This volume consists principally of transcripts of papers originally written before the reign of Charles I., to which have been added a few transcripts, some of them in the handwriting of Nicholas, which come down as late as* 1631. *Besides the papers which have been calendared in their chronological order, this Volume contains*:—

I. Extract from the Roll of Parliament of 51 Edward III., being a petition against the use of a net "called a wondrychon, which is "the same as a trawl now is."

[*Page* 1.* *Printed in the Rot. Parl. Vol.* ii., *p.* 369.]

II. Certain notes declaring Admiral Jurisdiction, taken out of the Queen's Majesty's Letters Patents granted unto the Lord Admiral of England for the time being, as taken out of certain Statutes confirming the same. With a declaration when the civil law or common law of the realm is to be used in any Admiral Court for the trial of such matters as be there to be heard or determined. [*Written by William Fleetwood, and dedicated to "Sir "William Brook, Knight, Lord Cobham, constable of the castle of "Dover, and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports."*] [*p.* 1.]

III. "A letter writen by Mr. Anthony Dyett, of the Inner Temple, "an ancient lawyer and of good esteem, in an answer unto a letter "written by Sir Thomas Crompton, a man of great learning in the "civil law, and Judge of the Admiralty Court, concerning some "wrongs done by the Common Law to the Admiral Jurisdiction." Dated, Inner Temple, 29 May 1608. [*p.* 289.]

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IV. Discourse in defence of Admiral Jurisdiction practised in this kingdom, "penned by myself [William Fleetwood], *horis furtivis*." [*p.* 292.]

V. Articles and offences inquirable by force of the King's Commissions of Oyer and Terminer in co. Suffolk, for determination of treasons, murders, piracies, and other offences done on the sea or within the jurisdiction of the Admiralty. [*p.* 303.]

VI. "Copy of an old inquiry" into the duties and rights of the Lord Admiral, and the management of a fleet. [*p.* 325.]

VII. Manner of commencing an action in the Court of Admiralty, and the form of the original writ to be obtained in maritime causes. Lat. [*p.* 339.]

VIII. Henry VI. to his uncle John Duke of Bedford. Copy Letters Patent constituting him Lord High Admiral, dated at Westminster, 26 July. [*p.* 393.]

IX. The Judge of the Admiralty to the Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench and his colleagues. Requests that after judgment given in the Court of Admiralty, and in certain other specified cases, they would forbear to grant any writ of prohibition; with the resolutions of the Judges thereon, dated 12 May 1575. [*p.* 401.]

X. Treatise on the right of the Sovereign of England to the dominion of the Narrow Seas, with a comment upon the authority deputed to the Lord High Admiral as exhibited in the grant from Queen Elizabeth to Lord Charles Howard. [*p.* 402.]

XI. Statutes and Ordinances for all Vice-Admirals and under officers of the Admiralty within the realm. [*p.* 456.]

XII. "Treatise of the Admiral's office, translated into English out "of an old monument written in bastard French." [*p.* 472.]

XIII. Articles concerning the Admiralty of England and the jurisdiction thereof, to be inquired of by a Jury on the 21 July 1591, being the 33rd Elizabeth. Signed "Jul. Cæsar." [*p.* 488.]

XIV. Power of the Constable and Marshal in time of war. [*p.* 500.]

XV. Statutes and Ordinances to be kept in time of war. [*Ibid.*]

XVI. Copy of a printed book, entitled "The sea law of Scotland, "shortly gathered and plainly dressed for the ready use of all "seafaring men." The original is stated to have been printed at Edinburgh, by Robert Walgrave, A.D. 1590. Dedicated to James VI. of Scotland, by William Welvod. [*p.* 512.]

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XVII. Order of the Court of Admiralty bearing date the 1 December 1608, for summoning Thomas Dumbell to appear in that court to prosecute his cause relating to the Elizabeth, of Plymouth, otherwise the Seacourse, in pursuance of a decree of the Court of Exchequer Chamber, bearing date 24 Nov. 1608. [*p.* 532.]

XVIII. Bill which passed the Lower House of Parliament in May 1539, but was rejected by the House of Lords on the 23rd of the same May. It designed to enact that all writings dated or payable in any place beyond seas might be sued within this realm. [*p.* 540.]

XIX. Notes touching the jurisdiction of the Admiralty. Fr. Extracted out of a black embossed book, whereupon it is stated, at p. 534, that witnesses used to be sworn in the Admiralty Court. [*p.* 541.]

XX. The Title of the City of London to the conservancy of the river Thames from Staines Bridge westwards, to the water of Medway eastwards, proved both by right and ancient usage. [*p.* 544.]

XXI. [William Fleetwood?] to Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty. Sets forth the causes of the decay of his Majesty's royalties and profits of his wreck of the sea and flotzon. [*p.* 564.]

XXII. Effect of the complaint of the Lord Admiral of England to King James I. against the Judges concerning prohibitions, formed into Articles upon his Majesty's command by Dr. Dun, Judge of the Admiralty. [*p.* 580.]

XXIII. Causes at the common law to prove the authority of the Admiral and the jurisdiction of his Court. [*p.* 605.]

XXIV. [William Fleetwood?] to the Judge of the Admiralty. Sets forth the encroachments of corporations upon Admiralty jurisdiction under grants of the same jurisdiction, which are contended to be illegal. [*p.* 613.]

XXV. Edward IV. to Sir John Howard, Lieutenant in Norfolk and Suffolk to Richard Duke of Gloucester in his office of Admiralty, and John Allen, Commissary of the same. To summon all persons to prove any claims of Admiralty Jurisdiction within their limits, and in default of such proof to make lawful process and do correction upon all persons who attempt anything against the said Duke's office, 24 March 1465. [*p.* 635.]

XXVI. George Duke of Buckingham, Lord Admiral, to his Vice-Admiral for Suffolk. Instructions how to make his account of all profits accruing in his Vice-Admiralty. Southampton, 9 September 1625. [*p.* 639.]

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XXVII. Notes by Nicholas of records in the Tower respecting the Laws of Oleron and the Sovereignty of the Seas. [*p.* 643.]

XXVIII. Questions propounded by Sir John Perrot concerning Admiralty rights, with the answers of Dr. Zouch. [*p.* 645.]

XXIX. Copy of No. IX. in the handwriting of Nicholas. [*p.* 655.]

VOL. CCIX.

1631. Volume containing entries of NAVY ESTIMATES. The following occur in this volume besides those which are calendared in their chronological order :—

1626. Jan. 13. Copy of estimate calendared in Vol. xviii., art. 53. (p. 5.)

„ May 24. The like of Vol. xxvi., art. 58. (p. 1.)

„ June 6. Estimate for setting forth to sea the Triumph, the Swiftsure, the Red Lion, the Vanguard, the Bonaventure, and the Convertive, with 24 merchants and Newcastle ships, and two pinnaces, for a voyage to the southward for seven months. Total, 60,917*l.* 6*s.* (p. 11.)

„ July 13. The like of Vol. xxxi., art. 72. (p. 7.)

„ Sept. 2. The like of Vol. xxxv., art. 11. 1. (p. 10.)

1627. Jan. 31. Copy of estimate calendared Vol. lii., No. 24. (p. 14.)

„ Feb. 24. Certificate of the charge of the Navy for the present year; total, 40,580*l.* 10*s.* 11*d.* Copy. (p. 15.)

„ April 10. Copy of estimate calendared Vol. lx., No. 11. (p. 17.)

„ June 11. Estimate for setting forth four prize ships and one merchant ship, which is to be part of the great estimate. Total, 2,581*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* From a marginal memorandum made by Nicholas it appears that this estimate was superseded by the next following. Copy. (p. 20.)

„ July 2. Copy of estimate calendared Vol. lxx., No. 14. (p. 21.)

„ „ 4. Estimate of 12 ships more than were demanded in an estimate of 14 July last, and for victuals for 2,000 men to recruit the army under the Duke. Total, 7,681*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.* Copy. (p. 26.)

„ „ 5. Copy estimate calendared Vol. lxx., No. 37. (p. 22.)

„ Aug. 15. The like of Vol. lxxiv., No. 11. (p. 27.)

„ „ 27. The like of Vol. lxxv., No. 32. (p. 29.)

„ Sept. 8. The like of one previously calendared under this date, and to be found in Vol. lxxix., No. 10. (p. 30.)

„ „ 9. The like of estimate calendared Vol. lxxvii., No. 28. (p. 32.)

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1627. Sept. 12. Copy estimate calendared Vol. lxxviii., No. 12. (p. 34.)
" " 21. The like of Vol. lxxix., No. 10. (p. 35.)
" " 21. The like of another estimate, also to be found in Vol. lxxix., No. 10. (p. 37.)
" " 26. Estimate for furnishing to sea of 16 sail of ships to transport 2,000 landmen to the Isle of Rhé. Total, 4,406*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Copy. (p. 23.)
" Oct. 3. Copy of estimate calendared Vol. lxxx., No. 29. (p. 31.)
" " 5. The like of Vol. lxxx., No. 47. (p. 25.)
" Nov. 3. The like of Vol. lxxxiv., No. 18. (p. 38.)
" Dec. 20. The like of Vol. lxxxvii., No. 21. (p. 39.)
" " 24. Estimate for victuals for 400 soldiers in Guernsey and Jersey for six months, with transport of the same. Total, 2,667*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* Copy. (p. 42.)
1628. Jan. 14. Estimate for setting to sea 20 of his Majesty's ships and 80 merchant ships with 4,400 men for 28 days, and 10,500 men for six months. Total, 213,529*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* Copy. (p. 44.)
" " 21. Copy estimate calendared Vol. xci., No. 30. (p. 43.)
" Feb. 25. Estimate for setting forth soldiers with three ketches to be sent for relief of Rochelle. Total, 1,004*l.* Copy. (p. 50.)
" [Feb.] Copy certificate calendared Vol. xciv., No. 108. (p. 48.)
" July 2. Copy estimate calendared Vol. cix., No. 11. (p. 51.)
" " 5. The like of Vol. cix., No. 40. (p. 52.)
" " 25. The like of Vol. cxi., No. 10. (p. 53.)
" " 26. The like of Vol. cxi., No. 12. (p. 54.)
" Nov. 24. The like of Vol. cxxi., No. 53. (p. 56.)
" " " The like of Vol. cxxi., No. 54. (p. 55.)
1629. Jan. 20[?] The like of Vol. cxxxii., No. 28. 1. (p. 57.)
" Feb. 28. Certificate of the charge of the Navy, ordinary and extraordinary, for 1629. Total, 47,080*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* Copy. (p. 61.)
" March 14. Copy estimate calendared Vol. cxxxviii., No. 74. (p. 64.)
" May 6. Copy certificate calendared Vol. cxlii., No. 31. (p. 66.)
1630. Jan. 1. Copy estimate calendared Vol. clviii., No. 2. (p. 71.)
" Feb 17. Estimate for repairing the hulls, masts, rigging, and ground tackle of his Majesty's ships. Total, 30,000*l.* Copy. (p. 75.)
" April 3. Copy estimate calendared Vol. clxiv., No. 5. (p. 76.)
" Aug. 5. The like of Vol. clxxii., No. 22. (p. 78.)
" Sept. 16. The like of Vol. clxxiii., No. 34. (p. 79.)
" Sept. 29. The like of Vol. clxxiii., No. 80. (p. 79.)
" Oct. 15. Estimate for setting forth the Garland, St. Claude, First Whelp, and Third Whelp for guard of the Narrow Seas. Total, 4,200*l.* 14*s.* Copy. (p. 81.)

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1630. Dec. 20. Estimate for revictualling the Ninth Whelp and Fifth Whelp for service on the coast of Ireland. Total, 918*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* Copy. (p. 83.)

„ „ 31. Copy estimate calendared Vol. clxxxiii., No. 4. (p. 83.)

1631. March 31. The like of Vol. clxxxvii., No. 67. (p. 87.)

„ April 30. The like of Vol. clxxxix., No. 68. (p. 88.)

„ May 21. Abstract of charges laid out by Sir William Russell for repairing the Ninth and Fifth Lions Whelps for service on the coast of Ireland to be borne by the State there. Total, 1,025*l.* 7*s.* 5*d.* Copy. (p. 91.)

„ Oct. 15. Copy of estimate calendared Vol. cci., No. 61. (p. 92.)

„ Nov. 12. The like of Vol. cciii., No. 33. (p. 93.)

TRINITY HOUSE CERTIFICATES FOR THE YEAR 1631.

In continuation of those for the Year 1630, *printed in the Calendar of the Domestic Papers of Charles I.*, 1629—1631, *p.* 472.

Date of Certificate.	Name of Ship.	Where built.	Tonnage.	Reference to Certificate.
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Jan. 15	Charity, of Colchester	Colchester	180	No. 38
March 12	Freeman, of London	Not stated	450	„ 39
„ 19	Resolution, of London	Harwich	360	„ 40
„ 23	Lewis, of London	Not stated	360	„ 41
„ 30	John, of London	Not stated	80	„ 42
June 4	Mary, of London	Not stated	340	„ 43
July 13	Centurion	Limehouse	140	„ 44
„ 27	Joan Bonaventure	Shoreham	140	„ 45
Sept. 14	Venus	Colchester	100	„ 46
„ 21	Samuel	Not stated	180	„ 47
Oct. 5	Magdalen	Woodbridge	200	„ 48
„ 5	Priscilla and Thomasine	Yarmouth	120	„ 49
„ 5	Not stated	Blackwall	200	„ 50
„ 12	Katharine	Not stated	300	„ 51
Nov. 2	Mary Ann	Not stated	200	„ 52
Dec. 3	Tristram and Jane	Not stated	160	„ 53
„ 14	Greenfield	Not stated	280	„ 54
„ 14	Endeavour, of Topsham	Not stated	200	„ 55

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[Jan. 1 ?] 1. Estimate of the ordinary charge of his Majesty's ships in harbour, and serving in the Narrow Seas, for the present year. Total, 27,905*l.* 13*s.* 5½*d.* [*Two pages.*]

[Jan. 1 ?] Copy of the same. [*See Vol.* ccix., *p.* 94.]

[Jan. 1 ?] 2. Assignments made by Lord Treasurer Weston and Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, for supplying the sum required by the above estimate. [*One page.*]

Jan. 2. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 3. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. His victualling draws to an end. Wishes Nicholas's advice whether he may come in without a further warrant. Longs much to be at home for his own occasions, besides that it is high time his ship was graved. Begs him to write the news, and especially when the King goes to Newmarket. The Duke de Vendosme is expected that night at Dover, where the writer's lieutenant is attending, to know when he purposes to embark, that the writer may be there at the time. The wind blows so fresh he cannot ride in Dover Road. [*Two pages and a half.*]

Jan. 2. Whitehall. 4. James Earl of Carlisle to Sir Henry Vane, Ambassador to the King of Sweden. The passages are so dangerous that without a cipher holds it not safe to use much liberty in writing. "Your "friends are better than ever and your enemies worse; make you "English of that!" [*One page.*]

Jan. 2. 5. Certificate of Mayor and others of St. Alban's of measures taken for relief of the poor within that borough. [*Indorsed as received from Mr. Justice Vernon. One page.*]

Jan. 2. Taunton. 6. Mayor and another of Taunton to Thomas Luttrell, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Similar certificate for that borough. [*One page and a half.*]

Jan. 2. 7. The same to the same. Similar certificate of the price of corn in their market on the preceding Saturday; wheat, 5*s.* 4*d.* to 5*s.* 8*d.* per bushel. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 3. Whitehall. 8. Sir Thomas Jermyn to Sir Henry Vane. Is stirred up to write to him by warning given by Vane's trusty servant, both by his words and by his notable furred coat. They are, for the most part, in great opinion of the happy success of the King of Sweden's enterprises; in some, however, there is a dubious cautiousness that is fearful to take a work begun for a work concluded. Two things have troubled the town with much discourse, whether Tilly be alive, and the little they have heard of the Marquis of Hamilton. Of late they are told that Tilly is come to Brussels, to put a pious end to his noble life in some monastery. If Vane could see the Court on the morrow, he could not imagine from any change that he had been away. Christmas has been very dull, by the Queen's keeping her chamber on account of a little thing that bred in the

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corner of her eye, which is now well again, and they expect a more jolly end than they had a beginning. The distance in which he left some of their great friends remains still, notwithstanding overtures of a better understanding. The Duke de Vendosme and Mons. de Mercure, his son, have been there these two months, and if they had received half France on the same terms, the matter had not been great, for he got leave to spend his own pistoles. They have passed the fear of the Queen Mother's coming. The King's journey to Scotland was so far advanced that Sir Thomas Merry, with some others of the green cloth, were with the committee with lists of those who accompanied King James, but the writer believes the purpose is now at rest for this year. [*Four pages.*]

Jan. 3. London. 9. Grant of arms by Sir William Segar, Garter, (with ratification by Sir John Borough, Norroy,) to Alexander Davison, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Lat. [*Two pages.*]

Jan. 4. 10. Petition of Hugh Morrell and Charles Snelling, merchants, to the Council. On the 14th of last month it was ordered that petitioners should communicate a certain order to the coal farmers, and if they could not agree, the Lord Treasurer was required to take order therein. Petitioners have attended 20 days, but can have no settled answer from the farmers. Pray the farmers may be warned to give present attendance on the Lord Treasurer. [*One page.*]

Jan. 4. London. 11. Elizabeth Williams to her brother, Sec. Dorchester. Thanks for a gift of 20*l.* per annum, which he has bestowed upon her. Her sister has also given her 10*l.* to pay for her diet, which her sister Carleton has agreed upon at 12*s.* a week. Prays for his health and his lady's safety in her confinement. [*One page.*]

Jan. 4. Whitehall. 12. Cornelius Holland to Sir Henry Vane. It is reported that there will be a surplusage of 800*l.* or 900*l.* on the year's account of the household. The writer thinks there will rather be 600*l.* or 700*l.* saved, but if there should be a surplusage it will be accounted for by Lord Savile's warrants, extraordinary warrants in the stable, with increase of price on account of the dearth of corn. There is now a further charge for the young Princess's house at St. James's, which will amount to about 2,500*l.* a year. [*One page and a half.*]

Jan. 4. 13. Bill of charges disbursed by Charles Ramsey principally for maintenance of the banks in Marshland, co. Norfolk, during the year 1630, and exhibited to him this day as a witness in a suit in which he was examined upon interrogatories. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Jan. 5. 14. Forms of oaths taken to the Bishop of Salisbury for the time being by the steward of his demesnes and manors in Wilts, and to the Dean and Chapter during a vacancy of the See by the Bailiff of Sarum. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud. Three quarters of a page.*]

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Jan. 6. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 15. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Since the arrival of the Duke de Vendosme at Dover, which was on Monday last, the writer has daily turned down with his ship into that road, and was ashore with him on Wednesday, when he appointed to take shipping that day. There has been such a sore stress of weather that Pennington has had much ado to ride it out. Has stayed the Robert Bonaventure, of Plymouth, from St. Christopher's, laden with salt and tobacco, and made the captain enter into bond to bring his ship into the Thames. Frauds committed upon the Customs by ships laden with tobacco. The Custom-house officers at the out-ports should make them enter into bond as soon as they arrive. [*One page.*]

Jan. 6. 16. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to Richard Hale, Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor within the division of Broadwater and half hundred of Hitchin. [*One page.*]

[Jan. 6 ?] 17. Petition of Benjamin Cooper, his Majesty's servant, Alderman of Great Yarmouth, to the Council. On articles of complaint against petitioner, preferred by unknown adversaries, it was ordered by the board that petitioner should attend on the 20th instant. The articles and order were not delivered to petitioner until the 4th instant, he being in ill health. Prays that his appearance may be deferred until the first week in May. [*Three quarters of a page. Petitioner's appearance on the 20th instant was entered on the Council Register. Reg. Conc. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 357.]

[Jan. 7.] 18. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to the Council. No corn hoarded up within the hundreds of Whitestone, Wells Forum, Glaston, and the Twelve Hides. Want of corn in their parts is occasioned by the badgers of Bristol. [*Undated, but indorsed as received Jan.* 7. *One page.*]

Jan. 8. Westminster. 19. Appointment by Robert Earl of Lindsey, Constable of England, of Sir Henry Marten, to be his locum tenens in the Court Military, and to adjourn or continue the cause therein depending between Donald Lord Reay, appellant, and David Ramsey, defendant. Lat. [*Copy. One page.*]

Jan. 9. 20. Miles Jackson to the Council. Sends copy of the second letter of the Sheriff of Wilts to the Mayor and Aldermen of Bristol to furnish him with ordnance and gunners for performance of their commands. John Berrow being appointed gunner for that service, honestly performed the same, which service had been neglected by the former gunner. [*Half a page.*] *Prewritten,*

20. 1. *John Toppe, Sheriff of Wilts, to the Mayor and others of Bristol. Sends them copies of directions he had received from the Council authorizing him to apply to them for ordnance to batter a house which resisted his authority. One piece having been deemed inadequate,*

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he requests them to send another for the required service, with gunners and ammunition, offering security for payment of their expenses. Stockton, 1631, *Dec.* 1. [*Copy. Two pages and a half.*]

Jan. 9. Arundel House. 21. Appointment by Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey of Sir Henry Bourchier to be his locum tenens in the Court Military to do what shall seem to him right in the cause between Donald Lord Reay, appellant, and David Ramsey, defendant. Lat. [*Copy. One page.*]

Jan. 12. 22. Petition of Justices of Peace for Berks to the Council. Have received their Lordships' letter dated 28 Sept. 1631, but not delivered until the 10th instant, to take order for carriage of a third part of 1,000 loads of timber from Shotover and Stow-wood, to the most convenient place for transportation. They present the following reasons for desiring to be spared: 1. Inequality of the assessment on Bucks. 2. A great deal of Berkshire privileged from carriage. 3. Great part of the county distant from the place whence the wood is to be carried. 4. Heavy charges already on the county. [*One page. On the 26th inst. the Council informed the Justices that the required service, being for defence of the realm, might not be neglected, and that they expected the Justices of Berks to set a good example to other counties. Reg. Conc. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 367.]

Jan. 12. 23. Rough draft of the same. [*Indorsed with this date. One page.*]

Jan. 12. 24. Lords Chief Justices Richardson and Heath to the Council. Report on a case between Frances Lady Worsley, plaintiff, and Sir Bevis Thelwall, defendant, in which a decree of certain commissioners had been referred to their consideration. They think that Lady Worsley ought not to be concluded by the decree until certain facts relating to a breach in a sea-bank, whereby certain lands were flooded, be cleared by trial at law. [*One page.*]

Jan. 13. Whitehall. 25. Order of Council. One Bois Godre [Boisgaudre], a Frenchman, prisoner in the King's Bench, takes upon him to cure the king's evil, and daily a great concourse of people flock to him, although it is conceived that if such cures have been, it is rather by sorcery and incantation than by any skill he has in physic. The Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench is to call Boisgaudre, the keeper of the King's Bench, and others before him for examination, and that he cause Boisgaudre to be indicted for cosenage, or transmit him to the High Commission. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Jan. 13. 26. Petition of John Delbridge, merchant, of Barnstaple, to the Council. In July 1630, petitioner freighted a small bark to the Bermudas and Virginia, and to return to Barnstaple. In the time of her being forth the proclamation came forth that no tobacco should be landed at the out-ports. The bark returned in March

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last so leaky that the owners would not adventure her to come to London, whereupon the tobacco was landed and put into the keeping of his Majesty's officers. Prays that they may be authorized to take custom and impost thereupon. [*Underwritten*, "*Read the* "13*th of January* 1631, *and denied.*" *One page.*]

Jan. 13. Siston. 27. George Ashby, Justice of Peace for co. Leicester, to Gregory Brokesby, the Sheriff. During the visitation [of the plague] they have not dared to call the hundred of East Goscote together for the services commanded in the Book of Orders, but as soon as they may they will be as forward as any others. [*One page.*]

Jan. 13. Gillmorton. 28. Other Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate of presentments made to them for the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*One page.*]

Jan. 14. Westminster. 29. Commission to Sir William Russell, Bart., Sir Richard Sheldon, Solicitor General, Sir John Banks, Attorney General to Prince Charles, Edward Lyttleton, Recorder of London, William Trumbull, Anthony Lowe, Edward Bishop, Edward Nicholas, Charles Harbord, and John Skynner, to inquire into frauds practised upon the customs by landing goods by night in improper places, evading duties on exportation, and in various other ways. Lat. [*Copy, six pages.*]

Jan. 14. 30. Petition of John Dearsly and Robert Clement, shipwrights, John Bradey, blacksmith, Randall Crew, deal merchant, David Davison, ropemaker, John Crome, pulley maker, Thomas Robotham, joiner, and Widow Sanderson, plumber, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners and those of their professions have been accustomed to have payment for fitting out ships at the full fitting thereof, and to have always the hull of such ships for their securities. By ancient custom of the Court of Admiralty, ships have been stayed in the river by warrant until satisfaction were given. Having lately in this manner arrested the Unicorn, one William Vincent having colourably got an interest therein from Winsor and Roper, endeavours to stop the petitioners by prohibition out of the King's Bench. Pray the Lords to give directions to the Justices of the King's Bench not to make a precedent of granting prohibitions in such cases. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 14. 31. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty this day. Ships to be chosen for guard of the Narrow Seas; Sir Francis Stewart's demands; accounts from Vice-Admirals. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 14. 32. Statement of Peter Marsh, Robert Tranckmor, John Dearsly, and Robert Clement, in reply to allegations of "Parker, "More, and Allen," who contest the authority of the Shipwrights of Rotherhithe. They set forth the uncivil and reviling speeches made against the Master of the Company by Parker, and that he had served a warrant upon the Master for his appearance at the Quarter Sessions. [*One page.*]

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Jan. 15. Hinton. 33. John Lord Poulett to Sec. Dorchester. Having lately received a letter from the Council has sent an answer, not doubting to find the Sec.'s favour in the writer's excuse, and to preserve himself in his Majesty's favour. No man living shall be readier to lay his life and all that he has at the King's feet, but he cannot bring himself to compound for a neglect or omission for which he has a just excuse, nor under colour thereof to agree to redeem a little sin with a great sum of money. Begs his help. [*One page.*]

Jan. 15. 34. Philip Burlamachi to the same. Is sending off a dispatch of the Lord Treasurer to the Hague about the jewels. Apprises the Sec. lest he should also desire to write. The messenger starts that evening, and goes by way of Antwerp. Hopes he is better. Fr. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 16. 35. Petition of Thomas Farnaby to the King. Petitioner has published Comments on Juvenal, Persius, Seneca, Martial, Lucan; as also Greek and Latin Epigrams, Index Rhetoricus, Phraseology, &c., and now intends to set forth the same "with after cares and "better advised studies, more emendate and enlarged," besides that he has redeemed them out of the printer's hands, who suffered some of them to lie dead, by reason of great store brought from places beyond seas. Prays an inhibition of the importation of these books from abroad. *Underwritten;*

35. I. *His Majesty being well informed of the abilities and painful endeavour of the petitioner, recommends his suit to the Council to give order on that behalf. Whitehall,* 1632, *Jan.* 16. [*Petition and reference one page.*]

Jan. 16. 36. Statement, apparently of Bishop Mountague, of Chichester, addressed to Bishop Laud, of London, respecting a dispute between Mr. Stockton and Mr. Hickes, as to a canonry in the church of Chichester. Bishop Mountague complains that Mr. Hickes does not attend to read personally, and that he sends as substitutes "whom "he can get, sometime good, sometime bad, any riff-raff, whom he "can light upon, shifters, unconformitants, curates, young boys, "puritans, as the whole city hath often spoken against it." He intends to proceed against him *ad amotionem*, unless Bishop Laud advises otherwise. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

Jan. 16. Claxton. 37. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to Gregory Brokesby, the Sheriff. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor within two divisions of the hundred of Framland. [*One page. Indorsed, as received* [*at the Council office*] *from Mr. Justice Hutton and Justice Croke,* 7 *May* 1632.]

Jan. 17. 38. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend Israel Reynolds, boatswain of the Rainbow, to succeed the late William Adams in that character in the Prince, Thomas Arkingstall, of the Assurance, to succeed Reynolds, Thomas Carrall, of the Third Lion's Whelp, to succeed Arkingstall, Thomas Seavern,

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of the Maria pinnace, to succeed Carrall, and Robert Pettley to be appointed to the Maria. [*Received by Nicholas, 28th inst. One page.*]

[Jan. 17.] 39. Certificate of John Reynolds, Master Gunner of England, that William Cane, master gunner of the Fourth Lion's Whelp, is a very sufficient man for master gunner in any of his Highness' ships, with underwritten confirmation of his employment by Kenrick Edisbury. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 18. 40. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Present to their consideration the names of eight ships, out of which they may choose four, for employment in the Narrow Seas. [*Received by Nicholas, 19 Jan. 1632. One page.*]

Jan. 18. [Braintree.] 41. Dr. Samuel Collins to Dr. Duck. My Lord of London's displeasure pierces deep into him, not so much in regard of his power, as his fatherly love towards the writer, for which he conceived his Lordship to be the best friend he had in the world. The complaint which has provoked the Bishop the writer occasioned by his endeavours to reform the error of sundry in his town, who would not be persuaded, but that it still lay in him to procure them a toleration of their wonted inconformity, which he laboured to draw them from. He attained thereby, in some measure, his end, and since the last court has gone on by degrees to the practice of conformity. It is no easy matter to reduce a numerous congregation into order that has been disorderly these 50 years, and for the last seven years has been encouraged in that way by all the refractory ministers of the country by private meetings and leaving schismatical books among them. These persons have laboured to make his person and ministry contemptible and odious, because he would not hold correspondence with them. If he had suddenly fallen upon the strict practice of conformity he had undone himself and broken the town to pieces. Upon the first notice of alteration many were resolving to go to New England. By his moderate and slow proceeding he has made stay of some, and hopes to settle their judgments. Mr. Hawkins has been acquainted with all his proceedings. The Bishop need not employ the arm of the High Commission against the writer; the least finger of his will suffice. If what he has said and done will not satisfy, he submits to his censure. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud. One page.*]

Jan. 18. Braintree. 42. John Debnam and Samuel Smyth, churchwardens of Braintree, to the same. Since the Bishop of London's last court their minister, Samuel Collins, has conformed himself to the orders of the Church of England. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud. Half a page.*]

Jan. 18. Melton Mowbray. 43. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Return of measures for the relief of the poor within two divisions of the hundred of Framland, not those comprised in the article calendared under Jan. 16, *No.* 37. [*One page.*]

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Jan. 18. Worcester. 44. Justices of Peace for Worcester limits to Sir James Pitt, Sheriff of the County. Similar return. Wheat is now at 4*s.*, meslyn at 3*s.* 8*d.*, rye at 3*s.*, barley at 2*s.* 8*d.*, pease at 2*s.* 2*d.*, and oats at 1*s* 4*d.* the bushel. [*Indorsed are,* 1, *mem. of the delivery of this, and, perhaps, other certificates, to Mr. Justice Jones, on* 20 *Oct.* 1632*; and,* 2, *receipt of Judges Jones and Trevor for the same. One page.*]

[Jan. 19.] 45. Petition of the Principal Masters of the Navy, signed by Peter White and John Goodwin, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Pray for a restoration of their former allowances, ordinary and extraordinary. [*Almost verbatim with the petition presented on* 17 *Feb.* 1631. *See Vol.* clxxxv., *No.* 21. *One page.*]

Jan. 19. Drayton. 46. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Salop as to presentments made to them by the constables within five of the allotments of the north part of the hundred of Bradford, viz., Hodnet, Moreton Saye, Stoke and Arcoll, Drayton, and Cheswardyne, from 15 Dec. last to this day. [*One page.*]

[Jan. 20.] 47. The Commissioners for Causes Ecclesiastical to the Council. Answer to the report of Earl Rivers, Sir Harbottle Grimstone, and others, in reference to the disputes between the town of Harwich and William Innes, (*See Vol.* cxcix., *No.* 50. 1.) If the writers had not seen the subscription of such worthy persons, they should, by the sharpness of the style and the harsh passages against Mr. Innes, have conceived the paper to have proceeded from angry adversaries, and not from indifferent commissioners. They condemn a judgment pronounced by the writers upon Sarah Peck for profane christening of a dog. The Council will not expect the writers to make any exact answer, but they represent the strangeness, insolency, and ill consequence of this proceeding by private men against the highest ecclesiastical court in England. [*One page. Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Sir John Barker, and Sir Thomas Bowes, were this day sent for by warrant. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 357.]

Jan. 20. London. 48. Philip Burlamachi to Sec. Dorchester. Two young men from Geneva, silk weavers, having come to this country on account of the misery which war has brought on that unhappy town, are opposed by persons of their own trade and forbidden to work, notwithstanding a permission of the Lord Mayor. Prays the Sec. to write to the Master and Wardens of the Company of Silk Weavers on their behalf. Their names are Jacob Domenici and Isaac Domenici, brothers. [*One page*]

Jan. 20. Doctors' Commons. 49. Sir Henry Marten to the same. On 16 December received a letter of the Sec., dated 23 Aug. before, signifying his Majesty's desire to have speedy justice done for John Baugh, a subject of the King of Denmark. The ship and goods claimed by him were adjudged to the takers for good prize, nobody showing cause to the contrary. But from depositions of John Baugh, a

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presumption arises that the judgment was obtained *non bonâ fide.* The sentence cannot be reversed by the writer, but may be so by the Sec. and the other Judges, by way of appeal. [*Two pages.*]

Jan. 20. 50. Copy of the same. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

Jan. 20. 51. Certificate of Thomas Austen, Peter White, and seven others, that John Vincle, late boatswain's mate of the Bonaventure, is able to take charge as boatswain of any of his Majesty's ships. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 20. 52. Separate informations of Edward Seabrooke, John Tuttle, and Fromabove Done, setting forth causes of complaint against John Wells, postmaster of St. Alban's, in pressing their horses for the service of the post maliciously or corruptly, in order to procure a bribe for their release. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Jan. 21. 53. Similar informations of John Mitchell, of Sandridge, Ralph Heyward, of Bushey, Henry Pedder, of Luton, and John Bolton, of Harding, all containing charges of corruption or misconduct against John Wells. [*One page.*]

Jan. 21. 54. Deposition of Edward Cooper, John Bryan, George Pegg, and John Abbotts, that they this day ascertained by admeasurement that the pit at Colly Craft belonging to Thomas Robinson and John Buggs was upon a lower level than the pits at Griff belonging to the people of Coventry. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[Jan. 21 ?] 55. Answer of Matthew Collins and others to the petition of Thomas Robinson and John Buggs, or rather to the allegations contained in their answer, calendared *Vol.* cciv., *No.* 83. [*One page and a half.*]

Jan. 22. 56. Petition of Henry Barrett to the Council. Was sent for on complaint of the Mayor of Devizes (*See Vol.* cciv., *No.* 30). It appears by the annexed certificate that petitioner has conformed himself. Prays that he may be discharged. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

56. I. *Certificate of Robert Drewe, one of the Justices of Peace for Wilts, that Henry Barrett had acknowledged his offence and promised conformity in future.* 1632, *Jan.* 22. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 23. 57. Justices of Peace for Sussex to the same. No hoarding of corn in the rape of Arundel. The recent extraordinary price of corn arose in that district from the adjacent markets in Surrey to which purveyors for the City of London resort. Best wheat now 32*s.* per quarter. No transportation from Arundel. [*Two pages.*]

Jan. 23. Deal Castle. 58. Capt. William Byng to Capt. Edmund Lisle. Last week a French man-of-war came in there with his flag in main-top. The master coming ashore with his boat the writer sent to him to strike it, which he did. At going away he hoisted it again, whereupon Byng gave him five shot without hitting him, and away he went in that manner. Lisle's Castle also gave him one shot, as he may see

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in a letter inclosed to Mr. Moore. The Council approved the like action of Byng's against the Dutch, who never since have offered to wear their flag in this road on the main-top. Never heard that the French attempted the like. If he meets Sir Edward Dering he is to acquaint him. [*Received by Nicholas 27 January, and communicated to the Lords of the Admiralty on the day following. One page and a half.*]

Jan. 24. Westminster. 59. The King to the Keeper of the Clink. On the request of Mons. Biscarat, in the name of the King's mother-in-law, the Queen Dowager of France, the keeper is to deliver Matthew Wilson, a Romish priest, to Edmund Barker, a messenger of the Chamber, to be conveyed to the sea side, and shipped as Barker has been directed. [*One page.*]

Jan. 24. Westminster. 60. The same to the Keeper of the New Prison. Similar warrant for John Ponsford, a Romish priest. [*One page.*]

Jan. 24. 61. Justices of Peace for Norfolk to the Council. On consideration of their letter of the 18th October perceive that their Lordships are jealous of the careful execution by the writers of the orders published last year touching matter of corn; and that they were the rather moved therein by occasion of one Archer, sentenced in the Star Chamber last term. State their proceedings in the great dearth of 1630, and that they were induced thereto by the course successfully adopted in that county in the year 1586, which they also explain. Sir Henry Spillman [Spelman], a grave person, well knowing the state of their country and well known to their Lordships, will give them further explanations. [*One page.*]

Jan. 24. 62. Some of the Justices who signed the preceding to the same. Their letters of 18 October never came to the knowledge of the writers until the Quarter Sessions at Norwich on the 10th inst. No corn of last year's store hoarded up. Great quantities transported into other counties. Last harvest a happy one, but the corn proves small in kernel. Wheat is now at 18*s.* the comb. No combination to raise the price nor any secret transportation. [*One page.*]

Jan. 24. Kingston. 63. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. All the time of Lord Brooke's being in the country the writer had not heard from him concerning the outlying deer, therefore believes he intends to agree with Lord Conway at his coming to town. He has not appointed any one to take care of Ragley House. Repairs of the house and park pales needed. His cousin Verney's mare not fitted for Lord Conway's use. [*One page.*]

Jan. 25. Whitehall. 64. Order of Council on complaint of the Muscovia Company trading to Greenland. It appearing that Thomas Hoarth had traded to Greenland in contempt of the order of the Board and contrary to his bond of 1,000*l.*, it is ordered that his bond should be put in suit in the Exchequer, and that in the meantime neither

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he nor any one not of the Muscovia Company should directly or indirectly trade to Greenland, or enter into any of the fishing places of the said Company there. Hoarth to remain in custody of the messenger until further order, and Sec. Coke to move the King to grant the Company the benefit that shall accrue from the forfeiture of Hoarth's bond. [*One page and a half.*]

[Jan. 25 ?] 65. Petition of the Bailiffs and others of Great Yarmouth to the Council. On a petition preferred against petitioners by Mr. Brookes, it was ordered that they should have a copy of the petition and articles, and time to make their answer. The articles being numerous, and this their time of setting forth 200 sail of ships for Westmony, Iceland, and the North Seas, which employ about 3,000 mariners, they pray that the day of appearance may be the 15th March, and that a commission may be issued to take depositions. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[Jan. 25 ?] 66. Another petition of the same to the same. A petition having been lately preferred to the King against petitioners by the Dean and Chapter of Norwich, the consideration whereof was referred by the King to that Board, petitioners have employed two aldermen and one principal burgess to attend the Council with their answer. Pray for a favourable hearing to their substitutes. [*Three quarters of a page. With respect to the disputes between the Dean and Chapter of Norwich and the town of Yarmouth, and between Mr. Brookes minister there and the same town, the Council directed a Commission to be issued to Sir Roger Townsend, Sir John Wentworth, Dr. Clement Corbet, and Francis Mapes, to take the depositions of witnesses, and fixed the 20th March for the day of final hearing. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 364.]

[Jan. 25 ?] 67. Petition of John Lathum to the same. The late Lord Stanhope, about 13 years since, granted to petitioner under his hand and seal the reversion of the place of post of Berwick after the decease of Henry Shafton, then post there. Shafton dying about three weeks since, one Dallavell, servant to the now Lord Stanhope, has got his warrant for the place, his Lordship excusing himself because petitioner came not sooner. Prays their interference. [*One page. The Council resolved that Lord Stanhope was bound in honour to make good his father's promise, and if he refused Lord Salisbury and Sec. Coke were to call him before them. Co. Reg. Ibid., p.* 360.]

Jan. 25. 68. Sir Thomas Leigh, Basil Fielding, and others, to the same. Send up various papers and depositions respecting the charge against Thomas Robinson and John Buggs, of having drowned the Coventry mines [probably some of the papers on that subject already calendared], and report that there is a way to turn the water by Eaton's Close, so that it shall not be prejudicial to either party, and that Robinson and Buggs are contented to effect that way at their own charge. [*On 14th February* 1632, *the Council*

approved the suggestion above made, and authorized the writers of this letter to see the same carried out. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol. vii., *p.* 386. *One page.*]

[Jan. 26?] 69. Henry Earl of Holland to Sec. Dorchester. Returns all the dispatches from France and Spain. Shall find a good effect of this ill weather, for it will hasten them to London a week sooner than their Majesties intended, which they are all joyed at. Nothing now sticks with the Commissioners in France but Port Real, as to which he hopes the King will take a resolution for his honour and the advantage of his affairs. By Wat Montagu, whom they daily expect, they will be fully informed of all things. [*Two pages.*]

Jan. 26. 70. Sir Henry Marten to Nicholas. Understands there is a charter passing to incorporate the fishermen of the Thames. This charter was formerly desired and committed to the writer's consideration, and upon his reasons the Duke stayed it. Begs him to let the Lords of the Admiralty be acquainted with this circumstance, and desire them to hear his reasons. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Jan. 26. 71. Receipt of Thomas Atkin for 50*l.*, to be paid for Sir Owen Smith, with underwritten note from Thomas Atkin to Sir Owen, inquiring whether bond or bill should be called for when the money is paid. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 27. Whitehall. Proclamation commanding the execution of laws against eating and selling of flesh in Lent and at other times prohibited. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 149.]

Jan. 27. Whitehall. 72. Order of Council that in all letters from their Lordships to the Lords Chief Justices, the latter should be styled by their names, and titles of knights, with the addition of their several offices. [*Unsigned. Half a page.*]

Jan. 27. 73. Petition of Elizabeth Pinfold, *alias* Squire, a poor distressed and oppressed woman, to Lord Keeper Coventry, and the rest of the Council. Petitioner being lamed by the fall of part of a mill working in Bridewell, and desiring means from John Squire, minister of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, her husband, in seeking the same she has sustained extreme disgrace and imprisonment by reason of a decree which he procured against petitioner. Prays that such decree, which is against her and her mistress Sara Jerrom, may be reversed. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Underwritten,*

73. I. *Minute of Order of the Council that petitioner is to be sent to Bridewell if she troubles the Board any more. Whitehall,* 1632, *Jan.* 27. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 27. London House. 74. Bishop Laud, of London, to Sir Henry Vane. Promises to take all the care he can of Mr. Blechenden's business. If Dr. Anyon have denied Dr. Hunt his dividend in the church of Canterbury, it is not with any eye to Sir Henry's chaplain, but to

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increase their own dividend. If they refuse to give the Dean of Durham anything, Mr. Blechenden cannot challenge any part of it, being as yet no prebend. Whoever caused Sir Henry to write in that way did much deceive both himself and Sir Henry. Prays that all may go well for the settlement of Christendom and the honour of their master. [*Received 18th March by Cole at Frankfort. Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 28. 75. Petition of Henry Dunning, master of the Miniken, to the King. Has served in the Miniken many years, attended the King from Spain, landed him in Scilly, and has taken many prizes, without obtaining any reward. Prays for the boatswain's place in the Prince Royal, now void by death. [*Half a page. Received by Nicholas 28th Jan.*]

Jan. 28. 76. Petition of Roger Yaxley, prisoner in the King's Bench, on behalf of his Majesty of Spain, and also of the owners of the Katherine, of Aldborough, to the Council. Petitioner was freighted by Thomas Hoarth to sail to certain ports in Portugal, with a lading, which he did, and on his return took in a freight of salt at St. Ouall's, being the King of Spain's salt, to be transported to Galicia. On the voyage he fell into two great storms and ultimately brought his ship to Yarmouth Roads to refit. Hoarth thereupon treated with petitioner to deliver the salt to him, which he refused, whereupon Hoarth laid upon petitioner fourteen actions, for which he could not procure bail. He also arrested the ship and endeavouring to bring her into Yarmouth she sank and all the salt perished. Prays warrants against Thomas Hoarth, Thomas Goose, Nicholas Goodson, Ezechias Harris, Thomas Greene, and Henry Todd, the chief actors in this business. [*One page.*] *Underwritten,*

76. 1. *Order that Thomas Hoarth should see that petition and make answer thereto at the next meeting of the Council. Whitehall,* 1632, *Jan.* 28. [*One quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 28. 77. Copy of the same petition. [*One page.*]

Jan. 28. Whitehall. 78. Lords of the Admiralty to the Keeper of the Marshalsea. Warrant to detain William Allen, shipwright, until he take out the defective timber in a ship building by him at Wapping, as complained of by the Company of Shipwrights at Rotherhithe, and supply it with such as is sufficient. [*Copy. One page.*]

Jan. 28. 79. Draft of the same by Nicholas. [*One page.*]

Jan. 28. 80. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. To appoint ships for the Narrow Seas, appoint a boatswain to the Prince, sign letter about Sir Francis Stewart's demands, consider reasons against the charter to the Thames fishermen, petition of Milton fishermen, letter of Capt. Byng (*No.* 58.), petitions of the Four Masters, of Mr. Blackall, son of Dr. Primrose, Mowle's petition, Sir Thomas Button and

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Stephen Alcock appointed to attend, warrant to fetch More and Parker. [*One page.*]

[Jan. 28.] 81. Submission of William Allen to be obedient to the Company of Shipwrights of Rotherhithe, so far as may consist with his privileges as a freeman of London. [*In the handwriting of Attorney General Noy. Underwritten is the acceptance of the submission by Peter Marsh, Master of the Company of Shipwrights. One page.*]

Jan. 28. 82. Dr. Roger Mainwaring to Bishop Laud. Much has he been grieved since he understood that there is a resolution to abate or abolish the accustomed church duties due by title of prescription and commutation. This will be the greatest prejudice that has lighted upon the church since the dissolution. Submits that so devout and blessed a Prince ought to be very tender in giving way to so great a destitution of his poor clergy:—1. On account of the equity of such dues. 2. Their necessity as the church now is; without them what shall the incumbent have to repair his chancel, to discharge tenths and subsidies, procurations to bishops and archdeacons, to buy books or bread? As for hospitality, they must return *ad sportulas*. 3. The slight objections which are brought to the contrary. Adduces his own claims for preferment. [*One page.*]

Jan. 28. Market Bosworth. 83. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to John Maior, Undersheriff of that county, in Clifford's Inn, London. Certify their measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Sparkenhoe. [*One page.*]

Jan. 28. 84. Certificate of Sir Robert Pye that the last payment out of the Exchequer to Sir Marmaduke Darrell and Sir Allen Apsley, surveyors of victuals for the Navy, upon their allowance of 3*s.* 4*d.* per day, and for each of two servants 12*d.* per day, ended at the Feast of the Annunciation, 1617. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 30. / Feb. 9. 85. Bill of sale, whereby John de Clerck, merchant of London and Dunkirk, sells the Priscilla, of London, to Thomas Symons, shipmaster, also of London and Dunkirk. [*Attested translation from the Dutch. Three pages.*]

Jan. 31. 86. Attorney General Noy to Sec. Dorchester. Having received warrant for drawing a pardon for George Monger for killing Edward Raynes in a sudden quarrel, he finds that Monger is indicted on a finding of murder and no trial had. Thinks his Majesty does not intend to pardon under such circumstances, neither may he prepare it; and thinks that they who laboured to procure the pardon did not inform the Sec. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 31. 87. Colin Earl of Seaforth to Sec. Coke. Wishes to know if anything has been done in the business of fishing since the last meeting, or if the Attorney has given in the charter to the King. Urges quick dispatch for which both their master and public ought to thank him. The Earl is a great sufferer by delay. [*One page.*]

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[Jan. ?] 88. Petition of Lady Baker, wife of Sir Thomas Baker, to the Queen. On 23 December 1630, the King granted petitioner's husband and brother a protection, under which by sale of lands and otherwise, they have satisfied 12,000*l.* or 13,000*l.* Prays her Majesty to be a suppliant to the King for a renewal of the protection. [*Half a page.*]

[Jan. ?] 89. Margaret Lady Slingsby to Sec. Dorchester. There was such more than friendly emulation between her husband [Sir Guilford Slingsby] and Sir Thomas Aylesbury, whose month is now to wait, that she can expect no friendly office from him. Beseeches the Sec. that as he shall pass through the lobby before the King, he will take so much notice of her that her petition may not pass his hands. What she solicits extracts nothing out of the King's purse, and is particularized in the book of bounty. Appeals to her husband's merit, his loss by sea, his many children, and the misery of a poor widow.

[Jan. ?] 90. George Viscount Chaworth to the same. Begs him to favour a petition sent to the King praying for the writer's release. [*Much mutilated. Half a page.*]

Jan. 91. William Chambers to Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh. Is assured that he has entertained three Papists for his servants. Entreats him to part with them that they may not have a divided house at Lisneygarvey, prayers above in the drawing room and mass underneath in the buttery. He would not put a black mare among his bay mares in his coach. Beseeches him not to keep idolaters among the rest of his servants, though they were the best in England, which the writer believes them not to be. The offices held by the persons objected to were those of [cook ?], butler, and gentleman of the horse. Warns him that he may one day be told that he had more regard to the making of a Bologna sausage, or the covering of his table, or the training of a horse, than to the worship of Almighty God. [*One page. Damaged by damp.*]

[Jan. ?] 92. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex, of measures taken for relief of the poor within the rape of Chichester. [*One page.*]

[Jan. ?] 93. Notes of three warrants granted to Humphrey Slaney, Thomas Massam, and John Stapeley, for transporting pipe-staves. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 94. Note of the true state of the new soap settled by patent. The advantages of the new soap as made altogether from home materials are briefly set forth, with a computation of the profit to be anticipated from its sale. [*One page.*]

[Jan. ?] 95. Notes concerning Kenrick's legacies to Reading, written by and for the use of Francis Windebank. They are principally queries upon the transactions and accounts of the Mayor and others of Reading. [*Five pages and three quarters.*]

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[Jan.] 96. Grounds for concluding that the legacies of Kenrick to Reading have been misemployed. [*One page.*]

[Jan.] 97. Notes by Sec. Coke on the Kenrick legacies to Reading, and the way in which they had been employed. [*Six pages and a half.*]

[Jan.] 98. List of captains who served last year in his Majesty's ships in the Narrow Seas, and of others who have heretofore served in his Majesty's ships. [*One page.*]

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Feb. 1. 1. Thomas Earl of Berkshire to the Council. The Mayor and city of Oxford having stood refractory to the commands for paying the entertainment allowed to the Muster-master, he reports them to the Council, together with Sir Edward Harrington, Radulph Walcupp, Richard Bracie, John Quaterman, and Thomas Deane, the last two being of Chalgrove. [*One page.*]

Feb. 1. 2. Sir James Perrott, Deputy Vice-Admiral of cos. Pembroke, Carmarthen, and Cardigan, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Statement of accounts of perquisites of the Admiralty in those cos. exhibited by Sir James Perrott to the late Earl of Pembroke and the present Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery. [*Two pages.*]

Feb. 1. 3. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Herts of measures taken for relief of the poor within the division of Hertford and Braughin. [*One page.*]

Feb. 2. Taunton. 4. Mayor and another of Taunton to Thomas Luttrell, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Certify the price of corn in Taunton market on Saturday last. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 2. 5. Bill of salt fish stores certified to the Lord Mayor. [*Copy made in March* 1633. *Half a page.*]

Feb. 3. 6. Petition of Robert Roberts, of Bristol, to the Council. Having been sent for by the Lords of the Admiralty on complaint of the Vice-Admiral of North Wales, he was ordered to appear before the Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer. Prays that he may be freed from the custody of the messenger, in whose hands he has remained six weeks. [*Half a page. Petitioner was discharged on bond this day. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 385.]

Feb. 3. 7. Minutes by Sec. Coke of proceedings this day before the Council. Note of a statement made by Dr. Berridge, a witness produced by Sir John Lambe, that Pregion, the Registrar of the Bishop of Lincoln, wrote to him to deal with his curate to know

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what Dr. Sibthorp gave for his living; Sir Anthony Thomas protected for ten months; orders of the Lord Deputy to be submitted to the King; Lord Edward Pawlet and Sir Frederick Cornwallis committed. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 3. 8. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Henry Dunning is fit for the boatswain's place in the Rainbow. [*One page.*]

Feb. 4. Whitehall. 9. Lords of the Admiralty to the Vice-Admirals. Instructions for their general conduct of Admiralty business and the proper rendering of their accounts. [*One page and three quarters. On the back are written by Nicholas, some minutes of other directions to be given to the Vice-Admirals. The profits of courts are to be allowed to the Vice-Admiral, and for the same and his moiety of wrecks and other profits, he is to bear all charges of courts and travelling expenses. He is to return once a year an account of all fines imposed in his Admiralty Court.*]

Feb. 4. 10. Petition of John James, of Southampton, merchant, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner being part owner of the Stephen, of 30 tons, about 25th October last, she sailed from Ireland for Malaga. On the 16th November she was captured by a Spanish man-of-war, and taken into Fontarabia. Being unable to get any relief either there or at St. Sebastian, they pray for letters of reprisal. [*Nicholas has written on the back of this petition, "I am "to speak to the Spanish agent upon this petition, and to give him "a copy of it." One page.*]

[Feb. 4?] 11. Petition of John Parker and John More, citizens and free shipwrights of London, to the same. Petitioners being free shipwrights of London, conceive the charter granted to the Shipwrights of Rotherhithe does not extend to them. Pray that the question in difference may be referred to the Attorney General and Recorder of London. [*One page.*]

Feb. 4. 12. Submission of the same John Parker and John More, whereby they promise to be obedient to the Shipwrights of Rotherhithe, saving the freedom of the City of London, and undertake to do what the Attorney General and the Recorder shall order. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 4. 13. Petition of Henry Dunning, master of the Miniken, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The King, in the presence of Mr. James Maxwell, conferred upon petitioner the place of boatswain in the Prince Royal. Sec. Coke also told petitioner that such was his Majesty's pleasure, which must and should be performed. Looking daily to be confirmed in the said place, petitioner is informed that one Reynolds is suing for the same place. Petitioner sets forth his past services, and prays that he may enjoy his Majesty's gracious gift. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Feb. 4. 14. Declaration of Sir Thomas Button, containing a breviate of the business in dispute between himself and Stephen Alcock, to be heard this day before the Lords of the Admiralty. The business related principally to the victualling of the ships employed on the coast of Ireland, which, after having been long held by Sir Thomas Button, had been suddenly committed to Thomas Morgan, purser of the Ninth Whelp. [*One page.*]

Feb. 4. 15. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty, at their meeting this day. It comprised the consideration of the business of Parker and More, the dispute between Sir Thomas Button and Alcock, the instructions to the Vice-Admirals, and petition of gunners for supply of powder. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 5. Westminster. 16. The King to Lord Chief Justice Richardson and the rest of the Judges of the King's Bench. It is the King's purpose to settle the Court of his Palace of Westminster as far as by law he may, therefore he again requires the persons addressed to let him know whether he has power to erect a Court to hold pleas arising within a precinct, and likewise whether he can grant power to take the cognizance of pleas out of other courts, and whether his ancestors have of right used the said power. He expects speedily a plain answer from them by the Attorney General, not thinking it fit to give over much way to the disputing of so high a point of his prerogative and power Royal. [*Copy. Two pages and three quarters.*]

Feb. 5. Westminster. 17. The same to Attorney General Noy. Recites the preceding letter and directs him to confer with the Judges therein mentioned, and to settle the style of the intended Court. [*Copy. Three pages and a quarter.*]

Feb. 5. London. 18. Henry Vane to his father, Sir Henry Vane. Was permitted by Lady Levistone to embark from Rotterdam for England with her, notwithstanding the smallness of the pink. Dangerous passage. After three days and nights landed at Margate at six o'clock at night, and the next morning at ten rendered himself safe at his mother's lodgings, whence he went immediately to Sec. Dorchester. Interview with the Sec. and afterwards with the King, who gave him a gracious and attentive audience, and told him he had acquitted himself well, and so left him. Interview with the Lord Treasurer and his son, from whom he found "none of the plausiblest "entertainment." Dorchester's acceptance of the writer more externally gracious. Divers great men have been inquiring of all Sir Henry Vane's actions, and spare him but little in their censures. Mr. Murray has been very noble and courteous, and promised to speak to the King for a Privy Chamber place for the writer. [*Four pages. Dated "At London, this 5 of February, sti. lo.* 1632."]

Feb. 6. Mayne. 19. Sir Brune Williams, Sheriff of Dorset, to the Council. Received on the 27 January their letter dated the last of December, requiring him to admit Thomas Devenish to be keeper of the gaol

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and house of correction for Dorset. As soon as the writer had taken his oath as Sheriff, notwithstanding the general complaint against Devenish, the writer out of allegiance to his Majesty and duty to them, and not out of any good opinion of Devenish, continued him in his said offices, and will do so during his Sheriffwick. This was done on the 14 December, before Devenish's information, which fact the writer submits to their censure. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 6. 20. Notes of proceedings in the Star Chamber at the hearing of the case of Henry Sherfield, Recorder of Sarum, informed against for having destroyed a portion of a glass window in the church of St. Edmund in Salisbury. The window contained a representation of God the Father in the shape of an old man with a pair of compasses making the world. The vestry ordered the picture to be removed as idolatrous, but the Bishop inhibited the removal. Thereupon Sherfield borrowed the keys of the church, and broke the window with his staff. These notes contain the speeches of counsel for and against, with the evidence, and a long note of Bishop Laud's speech on this occasion. [*Three pages and three quarters.*]

Feb. 6. 21. Similar notes, in the same handwriting, of another speech spoken on occasion of the same prosecution against Henry Sherfield. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 7. 22. Mayor and others of Wells, co. Somerset, to the Council. Cannot find any record of a collection for defence and recovery of the Palatinate. Think that the letters of the Council on the subject must have been directed to the Justices of the county. [*One page.*]

Feb. 8. 23. Petition of Thomas Hoarth, of Yarmouth, to the same. By mis-information of the Greenland Company, has been sent for by a messenger, and has remained in custody almost 40 days, as they pretend upon forfeiture of a bond of 1,000*l.* Prays that the forfeiture may be left to the trial of the law and that he may be discharged. [*One page. Discharged this day on a bond of* 500 *marks to appear on notice. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 382.]

Feb. 8. Rutland House. 24. Francis Earl of Rutland to Sec. Dorchester. The wild beasts which his Majesty commanded to be sent for are now brought up and in readiness to be embarked. William Thorold who is to take charge of them desires a speedy dispatch, which the Sec. is prayed to procure, as well as a pass from the States' Ambassador to Antwerp, being the best place for their landing. [*One page.*]

Feb. 8. 25. Certificate of Lord Chief Justice Heath in explanation of a clerical alteration in a grant to Charles Harbord, prepared by the Lord Chief Justice when Attorney General, and rendered necessary by a delay in passing the bill thereof. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

25. I. *Application of Charles Harbord for the alteration above mentioned to be made in conformity with the preceding certificate.* [*One quarter of a page.*]

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Feb. 8. 26. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to the Council. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey. [*One page.*]

Feb. 9. 27. Commissioners appointed to inquire into the disposition of the legacies left to Reading by John Kenrick to the same. The Commissioners state the manner in which the several legacies had been invested and employed, and give an account of the receipts, but without stating any opinion. [*Four pages and a half.*]

Feb. 9. 28. Petition of William Price, prisoner in the Clink, to the same. Petitioner was apprehended walking in the street, by Wainwright, then a pursuivant, and committed to the Clink, during which imprisonment of fourteen months no cause has been assigned against him. Being sick of a palsy, prays for his enlargement, or removal to the house of a physician. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

28. 1. *Certificate of John Giffard and John Moore that William Price has been long troubled with the palsy.* 1631, *Nov.* 10. [*Half a page. Price was this day ordered to be removed to the house of Dr. Moore. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 383.]

Feb. 9. 29. Henry Alleyn to Sec. Coke. Was sent for almost sixty miles off by a Council-letter, and thereupon came up and has attended a fortnight, but has not been admitted to any audience. In the interim is subpœnaed into the Star Chamber by the Bishop of Lincoln, so that the writer is brought into the very mouth of revived wrath, and there left to shift for himself. Charges the Bishop of Lincoln with misreporting the King and nobles, altering the method of the King's commands by his comments, and making use of the writer's answers to certain seditious libellers in the last Parliament. Certain matters were found sealed up, and how the Bishop should have come to show copies of them in Parliament and express the same in his bill is beyond the writer's learning. Is going down to the Court Ecclesiastical at Northampton, and afterwards, if the Sec. will hear the writer, will return. [*One page.*]

Feb. 9. Norwich. 30. Mayor and others of Norwich to the Sheriffs of that city. Since their last certificate have levied 28*l.* 3*s.* in penalties on drinkers, swearers, and unlicensed alehouse keepers, which has been distributed according to law. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. 31. Decree in the Court of Exchequer Chamber upon an information exhibited by the late Attorney General against Sir John Bourchier, and in settlement of the rights of His Majesty and Sir John Bourchier in the forest of Galtres, co. York. [*Copy. Nineteen pages.*]

Feb. 10. 32. Note out of the Exchequer of a debt of 29*l.* due to Nicholas Drake, ranger of the forest of Wichwood, co. Oxford, for repairs of Shorthampton Lodge in the same forest. [*Underwritten is a memorandum of payment on* 29 *April* 1635. *Half a page.*]

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Feb. 10. Gillmorton. 33. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*One page.*]

Feb. 10. 34. List of ships wanting supply for harbour stores. [*One page.*]

Feb. 11. 35. Petition of the Saltpetre-makers to the Lords of the Admiralty. Have a long time attended and been suitors to have their petre received, and to know how they were to be appointed and disposed of, with their vessels and materials provided for the King's service. Pray the Lords to hear their grievances. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 11. Mincing Lane. 36. Officers of the Navy to the same. The Earl of Rutland, to prevent the trouble of shifting the beasts, in another passage described as "wild cattle," into a "shouler" vessel in their passage to Antwerp, has resolved to land them at Ostend; the writers have therefore taken up a ship for the purpose, and contracted for freight, provisions, and fitting of partitions for each beast apart. They are to be received at Tower Wharf on Wednesday next, and the whole charge is 50*l.* [*One page. Nicholas indorses the letter as relating to the transport of "the wild cows."*]

Feb. 11. 37. Petition of Daniel le Clerke and Company, subjects of the United Provinces, to the Lords Committees of his Majesty's Delegates. In January 1631, petitioners lawfully seized a Portuguese prize and brought the same into Plymouth. Petitioners have ever since been troubled with a suit in the Admiralty. The prize having been adjudged to them, the sentence has been appealed against to the persons addressed, before whom the cause was pleaded almost a quarter of a year ago. Petitioners having been detained more than a year, pray that the cause may be determined. [*One page.*]

Feb. 11. 38. Minutes by Nicholas of Admiralty business to be this day considered by the Lords. Application of gunners for supply of powder; Sir James Perrott's information respecting the Admiralty of South Wales; appoint boatswain for the Prince; list of captains to be presented to the King before his going to Newmarket for selection of ships for the Narrow Seas. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 12. 39. Minutes by Sec. Coke of Orders of Council in the business of Sir John Lambe and Bishop Williams. The Bishop's bill in the Star Chamber was to be proceeded in with expedition; the Bishop to be warned to attend the Board, and to be questioned why he did not come upon their summons; the King's pleasure to be taken as to suspending or discharging him from the Board; non-attention of the Judges of the King's Bench to his Majesty's command to stay proceedings in the King's Bench, and speech of Judge Whitelock, who told Sir John Lambe that he had given the greatest affront to the Court that ever was, and that they must attend the King to give him satisfaction; some of these proceedings being referred to Judge Hutton, Sir John Lambe to cause him to be moved presently

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to deliver his opinion. [*One page and a half. Bishop Williams was, by the King's command, discharged from being a member of the Council on the 22nd inst. The entry of his discharge in the Council Book was by the same command vacated in* 1640. *Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 201.]

Feb. 13. 40. Edmund Rives to his sister-in-law, Jane Nicholas, wife of Edward Nicholas. Hopes her disease will in due time come into her arms to her comfort as his wife's has. She was delivered of a daughter on Sunday last. Intreats her to bestow her own name on the child. His sister Lettice joins him in affection to her. [*One page.*]

Feb. 13. 41. Rule of Court in the cause of Huntley *versus* Kingsley for the attendance of the Doctors and the plaintiff on the first Monday in next term. Lat. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 13. 42. Copy of same. Lat. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 14. 43. Petition of John Buggs and Thomas Robinson, farmers of the coal mine of Bedworth, co. Warwick, to the Council. Sir Thomas Leigh and the other referees of the petition formerly presented to the Board against petitioners by certain citizens of Coventry, having returned a certificate wherein they have set down a way for turning the water through part of a close in such a way as may prevent any further prejudice, petitioners pray the Lords to ratify that certificate. [*Three quarters of a page. Ordered accordingly this day, and that the referees should see the work performed. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 386.]

[Feb. 14 ?] 44. Petition of Matthew Collins, John Barker, and others, undertakers of coal works near Coventry, to the same. Set forth the facts stated in the previous petition, but impute all the damage which had taken place to the malice of Thomas Robinson and others. Petitioners pray that their mines may be put *in statu quo prius*, and that they may have good damages for their wrongs. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 15. Whitehall. 45. Sir Thomas Edmondes to Sir Henry Vane. That day the Lord Treasurer gave them a hearing to acquaint him with the state of the household account for the last year, and to advise as to the charge of the Lady Mary's house. The opinion that there was a *plus* in their hands has caused them to be neglected in supplying them with money. The Lord Treasurer directed that the Lord Cottington, Sir Thomas Merry, and the Master of the Household should treat with Lady Roxburgh. Impossibility under present circumstances of paying old debts by saving. At Shrovetide the King and Queen intend going to Newmarket, which together with this year's double masques still increases the charge. Afterwards they are to provide for the journey to Scotland, from which resolution the King will not be diverted. Lately dead in Whitehall Sir George Keyre, and Sir Peter Young. Mr. Rawlyns lies dangerously sick, to whose place Mr. Knollys pretends. Others of Vane's friends dead are the Lady Clanrickard-St. Albans, Bishop Howson, of Durham, and Scott, the dean of York. The cause between Lord Mackay [Reay] and David Ramsey will be brought to a resolution in a few days. The French

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King's continuance near Metz not liked in England, lest it be prejudicial to the King of Bohemia. After two days, the writer adds that the Duke of Lennox had been made a Grand in Spain, that Lady Roxburgh declined terms offered to her, and that the Court had granted a battle between Mackay and Ramsey. [*Three pages.*]

Feb. 15. The Mermaid, Carter Lane. 46. Henry Alleyn to Sec. Coke at his house on Garlick Hill. Urges that he may be heard against the Bishop of Lincoln. If the King does not intend the Bishop to be questioned, the writer is contented to sit still at home; but if the Bishop have not braved his Majesty and used contemptuous language, let the writer deservedly sink and perish. [*One page. Received the 18th inst.*]

Feb. 15. 47. Acknowledgment of John Davis that he had preached in the diocese of London without licence, and submission to the Bishop on that account. He professes his desire to carry himself peaceably and comformably, and his belief of the doctrine in the rubric before the Order of Confirmation that children baptized have all things necessary for their salvation. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 15. 48. Covenant of Richard Hamby with Christopher Bainbrigg, that Bainbrigg having assigned to Charles Frankland, in trust for Hamby, the office of post of Bowes, with the arrears due to Bainbrigg therein, the said assignment shall be void if Hamby shall receive 43*l.* out of the arrears before 20 April next. [*One page. Cancelled by the signature of Hamby having been torn off.*]

Feb. 16. Norwich. 49. Mayor and others of Norwich to the Council. At their Sessions on 12 December last, for decrease of the price of corn, they ordered John Danyell, John Croshold, and John Colfer to desist from malting until the next sessions. The persons so ordered still continuing to malt, were summoned before the writers, and pretended that they had set over their malting to young and poor persons. The writers complain of these subtle devices, which if imitated by others, the price of corn will still be kept up. [*One page.*]

Feb. 16. Drayton. 50. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Salop of the presentments made to them by the constables of five of the allotments of the North part of the hundred of Bradford, viz., Hodnet, Moreton Saye, Stoke and Arcoll, Drayton, and Cheswardyne, concerning the punishment of vagrants and relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

[Feb. 16 ?] 51. Sir Marmaduke Darrell to Sir Henry Vane. The accounts of the household for the last year being now perfected, it appears that by reason of the increases granted by the King they are not only disenabled from making good their promise of saving 5,000*l.*, but are cast into greater debt than before. The business of bringing Suffolk and Cornwall to their former course of paying their compositions in kind they hope will be shortly effected. The King intends about the 20th inst. to remove with the Queen to Newmarket, for how long stay they do not know. It is thought he will begin his progress into Scotland about the beginning of June. [*One page.*]

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Feb. 16. Nicholas to Edward Sydenham. Sends paper presented by the States Ambassador to the Lords of the Admiralty complaining of injuries offered to some of the States men-of-war, by his lieutenant of Portland Castle, to which their Lordships expect an answer. [*Copy. Quarter of a page. Nicholas's Letter Book, p.* 97.]

Feb. 17. 52. Petition of Mary Gargrave to the King. During the protection granted to her she has paid some of her creditors, but not having received her pension out of the Exchequer these three years, there being now 1,000*l.* in arrear, she prays a renewal of her protection to prevent an old servant of the King's late mother from dying miserably in prison. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 17. 53. Certificate of Peter White and John Goodwin recommending Thomas Wilson, boatswain of the Red Lion, for master of one of the smaller rates of ships. [*Indorsed by Nicholas as received on the 25th inst., and as being a recommendation to one of the Whelps. Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 18. 54. Petition of Thomas Hilliard, Saltpetreman, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner has for twenty years employed himself and his whole estate in his Majesty's service for making saltpetre, but about two years since was complained of by Thomas Bond for supposed offences. Having purged himself in the Star Chamber, as he hopes will appear to their Lordships, he prays that his counties may not be given away till his cause has been heard. [*One page.*]

Feb. 18. 55. George Viscount Chaworth to Lord Treasurer Weston. Beseeches him to remember to know his Majesty's pleasure touching the writer, who has been prisoner these sixteen weeks for a business at first called but an error. If he will let the King know that with "that letter" he sent a copy to Lord Dorchester, it will appear that he intended submissively to seek his Majesty and not to expostulate, and that he sent the copy, that if the letter was not decent it might be suppressed. "So in truth it is the passion of the "Q. Mother" that is the writer's sickness, and yet at his release from the Fleet, three of the Lords told the writer that the King pardoned him, and his pardons are not sent upon tides that ebb again. [*One page.*]

Feb. 18. 56. Petition of Edward Norris, son of Thomas Norris, late Surveyor of the Navy. Was employed under his father as his clerk, and intended by him for a purser. Prays appointment in that capacity in one of the two ships now building. [*Three quarters of a page. A memorandum of Nicholas underwritten indicates that petitioner was to be considered when the two ships were built.*]

Feb. 18. 57. John Philipott, Somerset Herald, to Nicholas. Beseeches him to move the Lords of the Admiralty for settling Mr. Norris in one of the new ships. Sir Henry Palmer and Mr. Pett both desire it, and Sec. Coke wishes him to move it. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Feb. 18. 58. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. The business of the Saltpetremen; Captains' names to be presented to the King [delivered to Sec. Coke]; letter of Officers of Navy respecting the transport of wild cows. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. 59. William Lake to Capt. John Mason. "My Lord's" pleasure [the Lord Treasurer's?] is that Mason should move the Board to warrant the payment of 279*l.*, or thereabouts, to Sir Edward Horwood, for his service in the Cadiz voyage. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 19. Whitehall. Proclamation for the better encouragement of the trade of the East India Company, and for prevention of excess of the private trade licensed by that Company to be carried on by persons in their employ. [*Coll Procs., Car. I., No.* 150.]

Feb. 19. 60. Petition of Thomas Rockwell, boatswain of the Adventure, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Adventure being grown ancient, and the petitioner desirous of service, he prays to be admitted boatswain of one of the two ships lately erected. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

60. I. *Certificate of Sir Henry Mervyn and nine others of the services and sufficiency of the above petitioner.* 1632, *Feb.* 14. [*One page.*]

Feb. 20. Whitehall. Proclamation for enabling all his Majesty's subjects to trade within his several dominions without being charged with other customs or duties than they of that kingdom wherein they trade ought to pay. [*Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 151.]

Feb. 20. 61. Petition of Edward Sydenham, his Majesty's servant, to the King. A ship, called the Hope of Grace, having been seized at Bristol as forfeited for transportation of prohibited commodities, prays for a grant of the King's part thereof. [*One page.*] *Underwritten,*

61. I. *Reference to the Lords of the Admiralty to examine the state of the business so that the petitioner may have an answer agreeable to the favour his Majesty bears him. Whitehall,* 1632, *Feb.* 20. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 20. Whitehall. 62. The Council of War to Sir Geo. Chudleigh, Deputy Lieutenant of Devon, and Sir William Courteney. Refer to their letter of 19th Feb. 1631 to Sir William Courteney (*see Vol.* clxxxv., *No.* 30). Gilbert Ware having wilfully neglected to appear (*see Vol.* cciii., *No.* 27.), they are once more to call him before them, and command him to make satisfaction to Colonel Robert Farrer, which, if he refuse, he is to make his personal appearance at the Board to answer the same. [*One page. Draft written on the blank sheet of a letter addressed to Mr. Pricklace in Dean's Yard.*]

Feb. 20. Mitton. 63. Foulke Reed to George Rawden. My Lady [Dowager Lady Conway] claims an allowance of wood. Wishes my Lord would

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compound with her for a yearly money payment. The tenants want to know what Lord Brooke intends to keep himself, and whether it be his meaning to displace any of them. [*One page.*]

Feb. 20. 64. Brief on behalf of Catherine Wright, *alias* Benskyn, executrix of John Benskyn, late citizen of London, deceased, against Ralph Benskyn, Margaret Pike, Sarah Wyatt, and Martha Hoden. The point in the cause was, the testator's clear estate amounting to 690*l.* 10*s.*, and he leaving a widow and children, how much by the custom of London he could dispose of by will. [*Three pages.*] *Annexed,*

64. I. *Certificate that by the custom of London the surplus estates of freemen were divisible into three parts; one-third to remain to the widow, one-third to the children, and the remaining third to be disposed of by will. Signed by Thomas Lathum.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 21. 65. Examination of Henry Alleyn before Viscount Wentworth, Bishops Laud and Neile, and Sec. Coke. He charges the Bishop of Lincoln with showing favour to Puritan nonconformitants, as evidenced in the case of Mr. More, curate of Throwlsworth, co. Leicester, and of Brian, Lady Herick's chaplain. In both these cases, the Bishop dismissed the prosecutions and discouraged the prosecutors. In the case of Mr. More the Bishop stayed the proceedings against him, because he was diligent in preaching, and the witness states that he had heard him preach five hours together. Witness alleges also, that the Bishop said that the King allowed of him in all those things of which he was complained against, and that his Majesty said he took it to be the Bishop's own plot to bring himself in favour again. And further, that the Bishop said that no king in the world should make him do what Sir John Coke told him was the King's pleasure. Witness having written answers to Mr. Prynne's epistles and Mr. Burton's, the same were brought by the Bishop into the Parliament. In the course of the proceedings in Parliament Mr. Selden and Mr. Pym pressed him to acknowledge that he had confederated with great men, and asked him, when he spake to the Bishops of London and Winchester and others. Mr. Sellars, a proctor, brought a copy of Burton's Israel's Fast to Leicester, and with it a libel in written hand scandalous to his Majesty, alleging that things could not fare better so long as the King employed such men as he did. By examination this was traced to a great man of Parliament to be the publisher of it. Appended is a brief note of an examination of Sellars on 22 Feb. He stated that he was formerly examined by Lord Conway, and then confessed that he had the writing before mentioned to [*sic*] one Markham, a goldsmith. [*Four pages and a quarter.*]

Feb. 21. 66. Examination of John Peck the younger, of Harwich, taken before Sir William Becher and Thomas Meautys, Clerks of the Council. The certificate of the Mayor and Burgesses of Harwich presented to the King, was drawn by Thomas Webb, the town

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clerk. It and the petition were contrived by Peck, with the advice of Mr. Grimstone, of counsel for the town, and he was advised thereto by one Thomas, a solicitor, dwelling in Chancery Lane. The second petition was written by Mr. Grimstone's man. [*One page.*]

Feb. 21. Examination of Thomas Webb, town clerk of Harwich. Denies that he was privy to the petition and certificate presented to the King in the difference with Mr. Innes about June last. Peck told Webb that one Holgrave had drawn a certificate, but to what purpose Webb knows not. At the meeting of the referees two breviates were presented, one by Sir Harbottle Grimstone's clerk, or Mr. Grimstone, the counsellor's clerk, and the other by the examinant. The former contained observations on the proceedings in the High Commission Court, in the latter there was nothing concerning the High Commission. Never saw the certificate made by the referees to his Majesty. The witnesses were brought before them by John Peck the younger. [*Written on the same paper as the preceding. One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 22. 67. Petition of Sir Thomas Bludder, his Majesty's servant, to the King. Under the protection for a year, ending 26 March next, petitioner has paid about 500*l.* of his debts, but those of his creditors who remain are more violent than ever, and threaten to prosecute him. Prays a renewal of his protection. [*One page. Protection granted, but Sir Thomas not to presume to come again. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 405.]

Feb. 22. Whitehall. 68. Extract from certain propositions for the government of Ireland, brought forward in the Council on the 17th inst. by Viscount Wentworth, and entered on the Council Register, *Vol.* vii., *p.* 395, and this day approved by the King. This extract contains only the third proposition, which was, that especial care should be taken to appoint sufficient and credible persons for bishops, privy councillors, judges, and King's counsel, in Ireland, and that his Majesty would hear the advice of his Deputy before he would resolve of any of these cases. [*This copy seems to have been made for Bishop Laud, and is indorsed by him. One page.*]

Feb. 22. Whitehall. 69. Order of Council that the King having bestowed the benefit of Thomas Hoarth's bond upon the widow of Sir Guilford Slingsby, the Attorney General is to prepare a grant of the said bond accordingly, and also to cause the same to be put in suit. Underwritten is an order of Thomas Meautys to deliver the bond to the bearer. [*Copies. One page.*]

Feb. 22. 70. Petition of John Peck, of Harwich, mariner, to the Conncil. Sets forth previous proceedings between Mr. Innes and petitioner, and that he petitioned the King on behalf of himself and his fellow parishioners, being supported by a certificate of above 60 of the chief inhabitants of Harwich. Having been sent for and attended seven or eight days, he prays to be discharged. [*Half a page. Discharge ordered this day. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 400.]

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Feb. 22. 71. Notes by Sec. Coke of business transacted at the Council this day. Among other things, a reference to the Attorney General and King's Advocate, to consider of a remedy for the practice of walking and carrying burthens through Paul's (*Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 402). Petition of cardmakers of Rouen respited until the Lord Treasurer be present. Petition of Justices of Essex [Sir Harbottle Grimstone, Sir John Barker, and Sir Thomas Bowes], acknowledging their fault; ordered to pay the messengers' fees, and to petition the High Commission Court for pardon; ordered also on Innes' petition that Webb be sent for, and that the town of Harwich be written to, to displace him of his town clerkship (*Ibid., p.* 404). Petition of the priest in Gloucester recommended by the Queen [Thomas Sammes *alias* Sands]; ordered to be sent for by Habeas Corpus out of the King's Bench (*Ibid., p.* 403). Report of Sir Henry Marten as to interlopers in Canada (*Ibid.*); ordered that Sir Henry attend the board. Browne's petition for liberty to transport iron ordnance as they do in Scotland, and motions to be made to the Lord Treasurer to bring down the impost on tobacco from 9*d.* to 4*d.*; and for new commissions for compounding with knights. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 22. 72. Receipt of Dr. William Juxon for 300*l.*, paid by Bishop Laud toward his buildings in St. John's College, Oxford. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 22. 73. Additions made by Henry Alleyn to his examination, *No.* 65. of other facts, supposed to be inculpatory of Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. Lady Herick was presented for some passages at an unlawful fast held at Woodhouse, but the Bishop was angry, and the proceedings were stayed; Judge Whitelock reproved Alleyn for complaining of the Bishop, when he knew his Lordship was out of favour at Court. Alleyn presented to the King a book against Burton and Prynne, in which he compared the Jesuit and Puritan together, and defended the tenet of Dr. Mainwaring, that kings are partakers of God's omnipotency in respect of their prerogative, as Gods on earth. This book was brought in proof of the Bishop's articles against Alleyn in Parliament. [*Indorsed by Sec. Coke as sent to him this day. One page.*]

Feb. 23. London. 74. [Sir Thomas Roe] to John Dyneley, servant of the Queen of Bohemia. Explains the amount of truth in a rumour that the writer had received a letter from the King of Sweden, written in letters of gold. He received a present worth 2,500*l.*, and a letter from the Chancellor of Sweden, in which he expostulates that there is not such performance on our parts as Roe encouraged him to expect. Roe sent the letter to his Majesty [King Charles], and it liked him. Hopes the Ambassador now with the King of Sweden [Sir Henry Vane] will reap what Roe sowed. Thanks for a book sent by Dyneley. It seems the author has got hold of some letter of Roe's to the company. "From letters a good history cannot be "made, for we write often as we first take up reports, which "experience after doth correct." Some things fathered on Mr. Terry,

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Roe's chaplain, and others, are word for word Roe's own collections. He may have mistaken much which posterity may correct, and perhaps not pardon him. Lord Dorchester as he walked rightly in life, died manly and christianly, and rejoiced in and recommended the King of Sweden; and so like a swan sung his own funeral. They dare not guess at his successor, but divine that the Lord Treasurer will for a time supply the service. The writer begs to be preserved in the good opinion of that best and excellentest of women, the Queen of Bohemia, whom Roe serves with all fidelity, admires for her constancy, and whom he is sure God will reward (God will do it), though Roe has not prospered, and such saints as she must have some martyrs sacrificed at their shrines. He adds to his place of dating, "lame of the gout, not able to get away." [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

Feb. 24. 75. Petition of Thomas Webb, Steward of Harwich, and one of the Attorneys of the Common Pleas, to the Council. Having been convented with others, for obtaining a reference from his Majesty against William Innes, petitioner being demanded whether he made any certificate from the borough to ground the said reference, answered that he never knew of any such, which now he remembers he did make and frame. Confesses that he was justly committed to the Marshalsea, casts himself at their feet, and craves pardon and his enlargement, that he may attend the assizes for Suffolk and Essex. [*Three quarters of a page. Discharged on bond to render himself prisoner to the Marshalsea, within a fortnight after the next assizes for Suffolk. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 413.]

Feb. 24. 76. Note by Christabella Windham that the King gave her 20 yards of tissue for a gown, but Mr. Miller, the King's mercer, gave her only 11 yards of it in kind, and for the rest 45 yards of satin. The 10 ells of taffeta she had for lining was not worth more than 8*s.* or 10*s.* an ell. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 24. 77. Certificate of Sir Henry Palmer and Phineas Pett, of the ability of John Vincle to be a boatswain in the Navy. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 24. 78. Note of agreement with Mr. Evelyn, for supplying the King with powder for three years at 8*d.*; the King to have the whole sale, and Evelyn to leave the business at a year's warning. [*Half a page.*]

[Feb. 24?] 79. Memorandum to take the names of the powder makers in Bristol from Mr. Evelyn, and to send for them by warrant, and also to give Mr. Attorney order about prohibiting the East India Company from making powder. [*This and the preceding paper are written upon the halves of a blank page of a letter addressed to Lord Cottington Half a page.*]

Feb. 25. 80. Inigo Jones to [the Council]. The parishioners of St. Gregory's, near St. Paul's, have made a new vault, and in so doing have "bared three settings off" from the south side of St. Paul's. The writer holds it not fit that the foundation of so great and noble a work should be underwrought. [*One page.*]

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Feb. 25. 81. Bill for tiling Nicholas's house, 1*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 26. 82. Mayor and others of Bridgewater to Thomas Luttrell, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor. [*Two pages.*]

Feb. 27. Whitehall. 83. Henry Vane to his father, Sir Henry Vane. Delay in sending Cole may have been occasioned by due deliberation and by the sudden death of Lord Dorchester; his delay since by the Lord Treasurer is a riddle. Within a day or two it is said that Cole is to be sent. The King left town last Tuesday, and went to Newmarket, whence to-morrow sennight it is said he is to go to Cambridge, where they have prepared plays for his entertainment. Before the King went Mr. Murray came to visit the writer's mother, and intimated that at Newmarket the King intended to make the writer one of the Privy Chamber in ordinary. The writer's mother and himself are consequently going this day to Fairlane, in order that he may return to go to Newmarket. Will solicit permission to return to Sir Henry as earnestly as he can, knowing that some observations of his there would not be unfit for his speedy notice. Hasty treatment of the writer by Mr. Lake, the Lord Treasurer's secretary. In Sir Henry's absence the writer finds very few of those in whom Sir Henry put confidence, to be in better humour than Mr. Lake. [*Three pages.*]

Feb. 27. 84. Certificate of the Officers of the Navy as to the services of Thomas Carrall, boatswain of the Third Lion's Whelp, and his ability to execute that office in a better ship. [*One page.*]

Feb. 28. Newmarket. 85. William Earl of Exeter to the Council. They sent warrants into co. Northampton for divers persons that refused to pay their moneys for the musters, and accordingly they have appeared before the Earl. Finds them inclined to oppose the service by the instigation of John Waters, a most seditious refractory attorney, who stands upon the letter of the law. Great importance of this question. William Waters, brother of the attorney, and chief constable of Towcester, has levied the money of that hundred, but will not pay it to the Deputy Lieutenants without their acquittance, a trick devised by the attorney to make an interruption in this service. If this be not over-ruled no deputy lieutenant will ever appear in this service hereafter. Having failed in reducing them to conformity has commanded the messengers to bring them before their Lordships to receive their orders, which he hopes will be as severe as they shall think fit. [*Two pages.*] *Inclosed,*

85. I. *Certificate of persons that refuse as above mentioned. It comprises the town of Northampton* [*the Mayor was committed*]*; William Waters; Richard Pinkerd* [*committed*]*; four others who conformed* [*all these were charged with* 4*s. each*]*; one who was excused; and John Waters, who was charged with* 22*d.* [*committed*]. *The passages in brackets are derived from marginal notes subsequently added.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Feb. 28. 86. Petition of John Aurelius to the Lords of the Admiralty. During the late wars between England, Spain, and France, petitioner was employed in the Admiralty Court as interpreter and also as a translator of writings. Prays payment of his bill for 3*l.* 12*s.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[Feb. ?] 87. The King to Bishop Bridgman, of Chester. The King hears of some seeds of differences sowing in his diocese, by debates about the Sabbath, and that Mr. Lea, vicar of Budworth, prebend and lecturer at Chester, has put himself upon that subject in opposition to some others. The Bishop is to command him that in his lectures he raise no occasion of controversy, and do nothing to unsettle the received doctrine. "Do you what belongeth to a good bishop, to make your "clergy capable, that disputes engender strife, and that true religion "must be planted and preserved by unity and good life." [*One page. Draft in the handwriting of Sec. Coke.*]

[Feb. ?] 88. Petition of Christopher Crowe, close prisoner in Newgate, to the Council. Petitioner has lain close prisoner in the dungeon, without light or fire, for these fourteen days, and but a halfpenny a day in bread allowed him, whereby he is likely to starve. For his evil reports against the Marquis of Hamilton he is most heartily sorry, and shall be thereby taught to rule his tongue. Prays for enlargement. [*One page.*]

[Feb. ?] 89. Petition of Thomas Hoarth to the same. In answer to petition of Roger Yaxley (*see Vol.* ccx., *No.* 76.), states the circumstances of Yaxley's employment by him into Spain, and his unadvised return to Yarmouth Roads. Yaxley refusing to give security for the victuals furnished by petitioner, and the freight, petitioner proceeded against him in a legal way. Prays a reference to merchants, or to Sir Henry Marten. [*One page.*]

[Feb. ?] 90. Copy of the same. [*One page.*]

Feb. 91. A form of prayer suitable for daily use, and by certain alterations, applicable to either the morning or the evening. It is in the handwriting of the King; perhaps a copy made by him from some known form. It is partly derived from the Book of Common Prayer, and partly from the Sacred Scriptures. [*One page. It is indorsed by the King, "A prayer," and by another hand, "Lent preachers,* 1631," *as if it had been written upon the blank half sheet of a list of Lent preachers at Court. One page.*]

[Feb. ?] 92. Notes in the handwriting of Sec. Coke, entitled "Inconve-"niences of new buildings," probably having reference to some speech or debate on that subject. In one passage mention is made of "Timothy Barnes," who had built 10 new houses in Bloomsbury. This is probably the same person who under the name of "Thomas "Barnes" having entered into recognizance before the Commissioners of Buildings, appeared before the Council on 16 March 1632. [*Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 465.]

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Feb. LIBER PACIS, for the 7th year of King Charles, containing the names of all the Justices of Peace throughout the kingdom, arranged by counties. At the end of the volume is also a list of all the Lord Lieutenants. On the fly leaf at the commencement is entered a memorandum of the delivery, on the 26th March 1632, to Mr. Langton, the Attorney General's man, of Thomas Hoarth's bond for 1,000*l.*, bestowed by the King upon Lady Slingsby. [*pp.* 172.]

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Volume of entries of minutes of proceedings of the Commissioners, under the Commission of 5th January 1631, for inquiring into the execution of the laws for relief of the poor, and supervision of the administration of gifts for pious uses. Besides the articles in this volume otherwise noticed, it contains the following entries:—

1631. Jan. 5. Copy of Vol. clxxxii., No. 8, fol. 1. [*Seven pages and a quarter.*]

„ May 2. Order for the Governor and Officers of the Hospitals of Christchurch, London, St. Thomas's, Bridewell, and Bethlehem to bring in a more clear and ample account of their annual receipts and payments on that day sennight. Christchurch being specially required to seek out the donation of that house by Henry VIII. Fol. 5. [*Half a page.*]

„ May 9. Order for the Lord Mayor to allow those of Christchurch to search for the donation above mentioned among the City charters. *Ibid.* [*Half a page.*]

„ May 9. Statement made by the Commissioners for pious uses to the officers of the Hospital of Bethlehem, that the purpose of the King in a suit between himself and the City respecting the right to this hospital was to apply it, as his royal progenitors had done, according to the foundation. Fol. 5 a. [*Half a page.*]

„ May 9. Order for providing a Register book of material things treated of by the Commissioners. *Ibid.* [*Quarter of a page.*]

„ May 9. Observations made by Sir Francis Knollys, on the misemployment of the legacies given by John Kenrick to Reading, and order that Mr. Kenrick, the clothier, and Messrs. Halstead, Winch, and Gandy, should attend on the Monday then next, and that Bishop Laud and Sec. Coke should in the meanwhile take the circumstances into their consideration. *Ibid.* [*One page and a half.*]

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1631. May 16. Statement made by Bishop Laud of the King's purpose to have the Cathedral of St. Paul's repaired and beautified, that he had published a commission to that end, and would on Sunday next set down what portion he would bestow towards that good work. The Bishop set apart 100*l.* per annum for that purpose, and called upon others to contribute liberally and cheerfully. Fol. 6 a. [*Two pages.*]

„ May 16. Report of Bishop Laud and Sec. Coke on the legacies of John Kenrick, and orders made thereon for further inquiry and regulation of the present application of the amounts received. Fol. 7. [*Two pages and a half.*]

„ May 16. Copy of Vol. cxci., No. 37.

„ May 31. Order for Inigo Jones, surveyor of his Majesty's Works, to survey the state of the church of St. Gregory, and consider what prejudice may come to St. Paul's by joining the same so close thereto. Fol. 8 a. [*One page.*]

„ July 8. Order for the parishioners of St. Gregory's to desist from digging a vault, which it is thought may be some prejudice to the foundation of St. Paul's. Fol. 9. [*One page.*]

„ Nov. 11. Request to the Lord Keeper Coventry to issue briefs for collections for repair of St. Paul's, to be made within the city of London and the liberties thereof. Fol. 10 a. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

1632. Jan. 13. Order that Inigo Jones should again repair to St. Gregory's church, and renew the former prohibition concerning the vault there building, and should report thereon to the Commissioners. Fol. 11. [*One page and a quarter.*]

„ Jan. 18. Order appointing Sir Henry Marten and seven others of the Commissioners for repairing St. Paul's, to compound with all persons who have leases of, or interests in, houses or sheds adjoining to the church, and by the Commissioners thought fit to be demolished. Fol. 11 a. [*One page and a half.*]

„ Jan. 18. Order that the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's should consider the abuse of walking and talking and carrying burthens through the church during Divine Service, and should take such course therein as may be fit. Fol. 12. [*One page.*]

„ Feb. 22. Order referring the abuse mentioned in the last article to the consideration of Attorney General Noy and Dr. Rives, his Majesty's Advocate. Fol. 13. [*One page.*]

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March 1. Protection to Sir Thomas Bludder for one year more, and no longer. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 75.]

March 1. Taunton. 1. Mayor and another of Taunton to Thomas Luttrell, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Certify the price of corn in their market on Saturday, 25th February. Wheat was 5*s.* and 5*s.* 6*d.* the bushel. [*Half a page.*]

March 2. 2. Minutes by Sec. Coke of proceedings before the Council. They relate principally to a petition of the City concerning the conduits of water being hindered in the new buildings in Covent Garden, and an irregular election of officers of the Artillery Yard. [*One page.*]

March 2. Order of Commissioners for pious uses. Elizabeth Porter, William Eaton, and John Lewgar, owners of shops at the south-west end of St. Paul's, are to remove the same by Lady-day next, whereunto, if they readily submit, they are to have reasonable satisfaction. The sub-committee are to certify what they consider a reasonable recompense. [*One page and three quarters. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 14.]

March 2. Ragley. 3. Foulke Reed to George Rawden at Viscount Conway's lodgings in Durham House. Lady Huncks's annuity. Application by Mr. Bridges's son for a note of the rents of Ragley that are not mentioned in the lease. [*One page. Much damaged by damp.*]

March 2. 4. Indenture whereby Ralph Parker, son of Ralph Parker, of the city of York, puts himself apprentice to Richard Tennant, of the same place, merchant, for eight years. [*One page. Indorsed is a memorandum dated* 5 *January* 1635, *that the indenture had been assigned by Richard Tennant to Richard Geldart, merchant.*]

March 3. Westminster. Royal assent for Dr. Richard Neile, Bishop of Winchester, to be Archbishop of York, that see being void by the death of the late incumbent. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 76.]

[March 3?] Restitution of the temporalities of the Archbishopric of York to Richard Neile, the newly elected Archbishop. Lat. [*See Ibid., No.* 77.]

March 3. 5. Attorney General Noy to the Council. Report on a petition respecting coal mines in Benwell. The Attorney General states a variety of points on which he was not informed and therefore could not come to any definite conclusion on the petitioner's suit. [*One page.*]

March 4. London. 6. Sec. Coke to Nicholas. His Majesty orders that the Convertive, the Assurance, the Second and Tenth Whelps be employed to the Narrow Seas, and that the commanders be the same that were employed last year in these ships. Capt. Pennington may make choice of which of them he likes, or if the Happy Entrance and

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the Garland be in readiness he may serve in either of them, so as this change delay not their going to sea. The ship that may be soonest made ready is to transport the Abbot of Scaglia. [*One page.*]

March 4. Ragley. 7. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Has sent up the list of tenants desired by Mr. Bridges, Lord Brooke's solicitor, to Mr. Rawden, for Lord Conway to consider of. Dowager Lady Conway's application for a composition for her 40 acres of wood. Has had speech with the inhabitants of Woosley concerning the taking of their tithes. Has set them at 24*l.* per annum. Mr. Throgmorton is about to move Lord Conway therein. What is to be done with the house occupied by Lady Huncks, she having left Arrow? [*One page and a quarter. Much damaged by damp.*]

March 4. 8. Distribution among the servants of Archbishop Abbot of 4*l.* given by Bishop Dalbie [Dolben], of Bangor, at his consecration. [*From the indorsement it appears that Mr. Austin preached on the occasion. One page.*]

March 4. 9. Justices of Peace for co. Worcester to Sir James Pitt, Sheriff. Return of measures for the relief of the poor adopted within the hundred of Doddingtree. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 5. Whitehall. 10. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington. Warrant appointing him Captain of the Convertive, and Admiral of the Fleet to be employed in guarding the Narrow Seas. [*One page.*]

March 5. Whitehall. 11. The same to the same. He is to appoint such of his ships as shall be the soonest ready to repair to Margate, there to take aboard the Abbot of Scaglia, Ambassador from the Duke of Savoy, and to transport him to Dunkirk or some other port of Flanders. [*One page.*]

March 6. Office of the Ordnance. 12. Officers of the Ordnance to Sec. Coke. State the transfer of iron ordnance for brass made in the Convertive on her going into Spain to fetch Lord Cottington, and under a warrant dated 8 October 1630. When the King was at Portsmouth her former iron ordnance was put back and the brass restored to the ships whence it had been taken. They conceive that the Assurance, being furnished with none but brass ordnance, may carry the Admiral for this time. This borrowing and transporting of ordnance very chargeable to his Majesty. [*One page and three quarters.*]

March 6. 13. William Hunton to his brother Nicholas. Sends a warrant to William Clarke for sale of 30*l.* worth of wood from Bushton [Bishopston?] in payment of an extent against the writer at the suit of Mr. Tutt. Complains of loss by litigation and the spoil of his goods, but thanks Nicholas for his readiness to do him good in connexion with some place. Will endeavour to find out some particular, but fears that all places worth accepting will be disposed of before he shall have notice of them. Submits himself to God's good providence. [*One page.*]

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March 6/16. St. Sebastian. 14. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Begs him to send by next ship a couple of beaver hats, one plain, the other rough, broad brimmed, and somewhat sharp crowned; also half a dozen of laced bands, scollop lace, of about 10*s.* or 12*s.* The money lent shall be remitted by next ship. [*One page.*]

March 7. Grant to Lord Treasurer Weston of the prize ship the St. Claude, with her rigging, furniture, and six of the smallest pieces of ordnance to be employed for fetching masts from Scotland or otherwise as he shall think fit. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 79.]

March 7. Trinity House, Ratcliffe. 15. Master and others of the Trinity House to the Council. Decline to pay to some person unnamed the whole amount paid by him for redemption of certain captives, the sum collected for that purpose having been agreed to be applied to the freeing of 41 persons, of whom 22 were of Poole and 19 of London. They can only pay to the petitioner his proportionable part. [*One page.*]

March 7. Report of Sir Henry Marten, and two others of the sub-committee of the Commissioners for pious uses. They set forth the several interests of Elizabeth Porter, William Eaton, and John Lewgar, in their houses adjoining St. Paul's, with the sums the reporters deemed reasonable to be paid them. Eaton and Lewgar had accepted their amounts, but Elizabeth Porter would not receive the 20 nobles awarded to her. The report was confirmed by the Commissioners, and it was ordered that if Mrs. Porter appealed to the Board, she should gain nothing by her obstinacy. [*Two pages and a half. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 15.]

March 7. Order of the Commissioners for pious uses, that the new vaults of St. Gregory's should be shortened, and that neither the wall nor tower of St. Paul's should be touched. [*One page and three quarters. Ibid., fol.* 16*a.*]

March 7. 16. Recommendation of Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty, with the concurrence of Capt. John Pennington, that Thomas Wilson, boatswain of the Red Lion, and Samuel Story, boatswain of the Dreadnought, be employed as masters of the Second and Tenth Lion's Whelps. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 8. Newmarket. 17. The King to Humphrey Smith, Alderman, President of the Company exercising arms in the Artillery Garden, London. Being informed that the worthy and commendable institution of their voluntary company of the Artillery Garden has been a fruitful nursery of the trained bands, and being unwilling that such a society should be dissolved through any distractions, the King wills them not to be hasty therein, but if they are molested to have recourse to him. [*Copy. One page.*] *Annexed,*

17. I. *Copy Order of Council of* 3 *July* 1612, *whereby certain citizens of London were permitted to train and practise arms by the instruction of Capt. Edward Painton, or of such others as should be thought fit, with power to admit*

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others into their company, and choose officers, subject to the approbation of the Lord Mayor; the number of the company not exceeding 250. [*Indorsed. Received, March* 1632. *One page.*]

March 8. 18. Edward Viscount Conway to Sir Robert Naunton, Master of the Court of Wards. Requests that some order may be made for the safety of the writer's little nephew Smith. His father died of the small-pox, which is very violent in the house at this instant. The child is at nurse not far from thence. His mother-in-law had a purpose to bring him home. [*Draft. One page.*]

March 9. Westminster. Charter of disafforestation of the chase and forest of Malvern, in cos. Worcester, Hereford, and Gloucester, and of the chase called Bishop's Chase. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 80.]

March 9. Whitehall. 19. Order of Council. It appearing that it may be feared that the Turkish pirates who surprised some of his Majesty's subjects at Baltimore last summer will attempt the like again this next summer with greater forces and in divers places, it is ordered that besides continuing the two pinnaces already employed the Lords of the Admiralty shall be prayed to advise what further number of ships it will be requisite to employ and to cause the same to be made ready. [*One page and a quarter.*]

[March 9.] 20. Petition of Robert Rothwell, prisoner in the Fleet, to the Council. Petitioner having been committed for misdemeanors for which he is heartily sorry, he prays that being trusted by Sir Bevis Thelwall in the Great Wardrobe, and his Majesty's service there retarded by his imprisonment, he may be discharged. [*Three quarters of a page. Ordered to be discharged this day. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 452.]

[March 9.] 21. Petition of John Waters, prisoner in the Fleet, to the same. Petitioner was convented before them for not paying money for musters, he then conceiving himself to be unduly charged. He expresses contrition and prays enlargement. [*Half a page. Ordered to be discharged this day. Co. Reg., Ibid.*]

[March 9.] 22. Petition of Christopher Crowe, prisoner in Newgate, to the same. Is in great misery, having no friends nor means, and for six weeks has had for his allowance but a halfpenny in bread one day and a farthing's worth another. Is heartily sorry for his words spoken against the Marquis Hamilton, and prays enlargement. [*One page. Ordered to be discharged this day. Co. Reg., Ibid.*]

March 9. 23. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Henry Playce, boatswain of the Nonsuch, has for many years been unable to perform the services incident to that place, being 100 years old as the writers are informed. Recommend John Johnson for the office when by the death of Playce it shall fall void. [*One page.*]

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[March 9 ?] 24. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy, to enter John Johnson as boatswain of the Nonsuch, in the room of Henry Playce, who has retired. [*Unsigned. One page.*]

March 9. 25. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report on the accounts in dispute between Sir Thomas Button and the Victualler of the Navy. After stating the account the writers conclude that 56*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* is due from the Victualler to Sir Thomas, which he is ready to pay when he has received satisfaction from Sir Thomas for casks and biscuit bags, amounting to 84*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.* [*One page.*]

March 9. 26. The same to the same. Sir Francis Stewart ought to receive the pay of a Rear-Admiral in the expedition to Cadiz from the date of his warrant until another was established in his place. His allowances are submitted to the consideration of the Lords. His leaving the fleet was no fault of his, but the defect of his ship. [*One page.*]

March 9. 27. The same to the same. Recommend Alexander Bannister for a purser's place in one of the new ships. He has forborne 180*l.* due for freight of the Truelove, of London, ever since the Cadiz voyage. [*One page.*]

March 10. Office of Ordnance. 28. Objections by Sir John Heydon to the quarter book of payments in the Office of Ordnance ended 30 June 1631, with the answers to the same objections of the Officers of the Ordnance. [*Four pages.*]

March 10. 29. Propositions of Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance, concerning the title and form of the quarter books of the Ordnance, with the answers of the rest of the officers of that branch of the King's service. [*Two pages and a half.*]

March 10. 30. Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, to Abraham Haines, Clerk, M.A. Institution to the perpetual vicarage of Oadby, co. Leicester, void by the surrender of Jeremiah Watts, on the presentation of Sir John Lambe. Lat. [*One page.*]

March 11. Westminster. Licence to Sir John Sedley to impark 500 acres of his demesne lands, in his manor of St. Cleare *alias* West Aldham, Kent, and to have free warren there. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 81.]

March 11. At the Court at Newmarket. 31. James Earl of Carlisle to the Sheriffs of London. His Majesty's pleasure is that the house in St. James's fields being taken down, they suffer the garden to remain entire, with the trees and pales about it, to the benefit of the poor widow that possesses it. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 11. Grafton. 32. Sir Francis Crane to Sir Henry Vane. Since his first letter has been in London only twice. The first time was to bury his brother, Le Maire, who has left the writer an inheritance farther off than the King of Sweden's conquests are likely to reach. If

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my Lady [Lady Vane] had been then in town, the black horses had made a part of the solemnity, but they made it up as well as they could; only they wanted Tom Hatton, whose misfortune at Sir R. Crane's made him afraid to come near any of the name. His last being there was to give conclusion to a match that Lord Cottington had waded in between Mr. Weston and the Duchess of Lennox, Vane's cousin's youngest daughter. Why it broke off or why the writer should come to put his pencil to anything begun by such an Apelles, is not the business of a letter. Met with Vane's son both times the writer was in London, and joyed in the hopes he gives of himself. Compliments Sir Henry on his style and expression. His abilities that way are understood, else how comes it that he is in every man's mouth for Dorchester's place. [*Two pages.*]

[March 12?] 33. Petition of Richard Powell to the Council. Having been sent for by warrant he has remained in the messenger's custody these seven days. Being a very poor man, with a wife and children, he prays for a hearing and discharge from the messenger. [*Three quarters of a page. It appears from Reg. Concil., Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 444, *that the petitioner was sent for and committed for not removing the dung that lay in the way when his Majesty passed by.*]

[March 12?] 34. Draft of the same, in which the petitioner is described as a clerk. [*One page.*]

March 12. 35. Petition of Mungo Moore to the same. Having been a long time an attendant about his Majesty's Court, and being above 80 years old, petitioner has put out money to receive three for one when he returns with certificate that he has been in the King of Sweden's camp. Prays warrant to pass through the ports, his Majesty having taken six pieces of him, to be trebled at his return home. [*Half a page. Pass granted; petitioner being described as "a Scottish gentleman." Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 458.]

March 12. Mincing Lane. 36. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Richard Woodward, ordinary messenger belonging to the office of the Navy, by reason of sickness is not able to execute that place. Pray warrant for his discharge and the appointment of Robert Whetnall, late purser to the St. George, lent to the Earl of Carlisle. [*One page.*]

March 12. Mitton. 37. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Will observe his directions respecting the wood claimed by the Dowager Lady Conway. Mr. Bridges, Lord Brooke's agent, had not come down from London on Friday last. When he comes will return information of what is done. Hugh Cooke's wife will remove at Lady-day. Intelligence of the horses. 40*l.* sent. [*One page.*]

March 12. St. John's, Oxford. 38. Dr. William Juxon to Bishop Laud. If he please to disburse 3,200*l.*, the quadrangle at St. John's will be absolutely uniform, without the least eye-sore, more than the tops of the tunnels of the

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chimneys in the east range of the old quadrangle, the cloisters being of the largest size that art can allow, and the pillars of the best stone, under marble, growing in that part of England. The cloister is of a form not yet seen in Oxford (for that under Jesus College Library is a misfeatured thing), therefore he wishes a little extraordinary charge might be bestowed there, that that wherein they are singular might be eminent. Gives account of the timber received, and yet to come. Sends Mr. Layfield's bill of his debts. There has been a great change in him of late, retiring from company and other lightnesses. Entering into orders seems to have bred the alteration. Has not spoken with Dr. Frewen since his return. There is only one place for London, and that not void. There came a letter lately from Mr. Chillingworth, the son, of whom he can send no other character than what the Bishop at first apprehended. He is not far from Oxford, speaks somewhat moderately, and as long as they can have intercourse of letters, the case is not desperate. Expresses a great desire still to go over and confer with Grossius [Grotius]. [*One page.*]

March 12. 39. Petitions for allowances exhibited by Roger Warre, Feodary of co. Somerset, being his charges and expenses in exercising his office for two years, ended at Michaelmas last. Allowed this day, 67*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* [*Four pages.*]

March 13. Chatham. 40. William Cooke, Thomas Austen, and others, to the Officers of the Navy. Recommend Richard Bennett for boatswain in one of his Majesty's ships. [*One page.*]

March 14. 41. Captain William Buxton to [the Lords of the Admiralty]. Received on board the Return, of London, whilst in the Isle of Rhé, 11 tons of wine from Captain George Heigham, Provost Marshal-general. The ship was bulged at Plymouth, and was there sold to Mr. Cawse and Mr. Hollett, of Plymouth, who had the wines. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 14. Newmarket. 42. Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery to [Sir Henry Vane?]. Thanks for a letter, and respect shown to him by the bearer [*Query, Henry Vane, the son*]. Will ever acknowledge himself a faithful friend to them both, and whensoever they shall have occasion to try his love, there is no friend they have in the world they shall have more power to command. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 14. Commissioners for pious uses to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, sending a copy of the certificate of the Attorney General and Dr. Rives, respecting the profanation of St. Paul's (*see post, No.* 94.), and request that they would see their recommendations put in execution. [*Half a page. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 17 *a.*]

March 15. London. 43. Sir Henry Marten and William Hakewill [to the Commissioners for pious uses?]. State compositions agreed to be paid to Elizabeth Porter, widow, John Lewgar, and William Eaton, for

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their several interests in houses and shops on the south-west end of St. Paul's. Request warrant to the Chamber of London to pay the same. [*One page.*]

March 15. Deptford. 44. Richard Woodward to Nicholas. Being sickly, he is willing to resign his place of messenger of the Navy, hoping that the Lords of the Admiralty will confer it on Robert Whetnall. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 15. Drayton. 45. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Salop, as to presentments of vagrants and misdemeanors within five of the allotments of the North part of the hundred of Bradford. [*Receipt of Thomas Ireland, under-sheriff, on* 26 *April* 1632, *indorsed. Three quarters of a page.*]

March 16. Newmarket. Proclamation for well ordering the silk trade throughout England. The King, by Letters Patent, dated 30 May last, incorporated the silkmen of London, and gave them power to remedy the abuses in the trade. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 152. *Four pages.*]

March 16. Westminster. Bill to pass the Privy Seal, authorizing Sir Thomas Aylesbury, Sir Henry Palmer, Dennis Fleming, and Sir John Wolstenholme, to examine the accounts of Sir Sackville Crow during the time he was Treasurer of the Navy. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 82.]

March 16. Order of Commissioners for pious uses. The Bishop of London and the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's are to accept surrenders of the leases of houses ordered to be demolished, and such surrendered leases are to be put into the Council chest for safe custody. [*One page. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 18.]

March 16. Another order of the same Commissioners, that if the houses of Mrs. Porter, Eaton, and Lewgar, be not demolished by Lady-day, the parties in default shall not have their materials. [*Three quarters of a page. Ibid., fol.* 18 *a.*]

March 16. Another order of the same Commissioners to the Chamberlain of London, to deliver to the sub-committee 90*l.*, to be paid to Eaton for compensation, 500*l.* for John Lewgar, and 55*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* for Elizabeth Porter. [*Three quarters of a page. Ibid., fol.* 18 *a.*]

March 17. Droitwich. 46. Sheriff and Justices of Peace for co. Worcester to the Council. Having a commission and order out of the Star Chamber for suppressing riotous persons in disturbance of his Majesty's inclosures in the Forest of Feckenham, and having notice that 300 persons with spades, and armed with warlike munition of all sorts, were throwing down inclosures, the writers on the 16th inst. with 30 or 40 men, well appointed, came into the forest, and captured various rebellious persons, who in most daring manner presented themselves, armed with pikes, forest bills, and the like, and not only slighted the power of the writers, but assailed their persons, and protested they would fight it out. Divers of the rioters were hurt, but none mortally, in the apprehension of the writers. Many foreigners and loose kind

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of people were near at hand to make their rescue. [*One page. Indorsed are minutes by Sec. Coke of measures to be taken on receipt of the preceding letter. Letter of thanks from the Council to the writers of the preceding; letter to the Lord President of Wales, to charge his deputies in Worcestershire to keep the peace; the Attorney General to be acquainted with the letter, that he might take a course for the punishment of the offenders.*]

March 17. Droitwich. 47. Warrant of Justices of Peace for co. Worcester for apprehension of Francis Bunicker and Christopher Chance, two of the rioters mentioned in the preceding letter, who, after having been apprehended, made their escape. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 18/28. St. Sebastian. 48. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Complains of the deadness of trade, and inquires anxiously respecting its condition in London. Goods transmitted to the writer lie unsold. Wishes him to send by the next ship a black beaver hat, and certain quantities of bills of lading, sealing wax, ink, knives, pin dust, and a dozen Venice glasses. Sends a rapier, with the furniture. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

March 19. Westminster. Grant to Beale Saperton of the office of one of the King's Serjeants-at-arms, with a fee of 12*d.* per diem, from the death of John Bennett, who lately enjoyed the same. Lat. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 83.]

March 19. St. John's, Oxford. 49. Dr. William Juxon to Bishop Laud. The 3,200*l.* mentioned in his last letter included all charges whatsoever; 1,700*l.* to be charged for this year, of which they have received already 700*l.*, and think to receive that afternoon 300*l.* more of the Bishop of Oxford. On repayment, the last-mentioned Bishop will deliver up to Bishop Laud the receipt which the writer gives him. Mr. Langton holds the place for London at Magdalen College, and no one knows anything why he should leave the place. Mr. Chillingworth has written to Mr. Sheldon, of All Souls, and Mr. Weekes. To the former, he writes that he is still ready to take any course for satisfaction that his friends advise, and (as his friends had formerly moved him), to attend Bishop Laud, if he would speak with him (for he is in London), or to confer with any other man the Bishop should direct him unto, provided he might be secured of his liberty, in case he were unsatisfied. Mr. Sheldon (an ingenuous and discreet man) is going up next week to confer with him, and Juxon will cause Sheldon to attend Bishop Laud before he goes to Chillingworth. His friends have been endeavouring lately in discourse, to know if any course had been taken to stay his passage, to which Juxon answered evasively. Juxon thinks he is ambitious to be Bishop Laud's convert, for he thinks all his motives are not spiritual, protest he never so much. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

49. 1. *Receipt of Dr. William Juxon for* 300*l.*, *received from Bishop Corbet, of Oxford, for the use of Bishop Laud.* [*Half a page.*]

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March 19. 50. Confession of Andrew Humphrey, an enthusiast, who had seen many visions, and lived by the practice of geomancy, the setting of figures for recovery of things lost and stolen, and by fortune-telling. He saw, in a vision, the Duke of Buckingham's overthrow in the Isle of Rhé, four months before it took place; and when it was reported that Capt. Jeffreys was slain, it was shown to Humphrey that he lived, at least forty days before the truth was known. He lives in a garden house in Finsbury fields, near the windmill, and close by Bunhill, and has a copyhold at Whitchurch, in Hants. [*Three pages.*]

March 20. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord Deputy of Ireland, 2,500*l.* for the King's secret service. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 84.]

March 20. Talgarth. 51. Certificate of Henry Williams, Custos Rotulorum for co. Brecon, of the several divisions which the Justices of the Peace have allotted to themselves for the better execution of the Book of Orders for regulating offenders against the peace. [*One page.*]

[About March 20.] 52. John Morley to Capt. Coningsby. Attended at Winchester all the Assizes, but to little purpose, for some of the men refused to be bound, and the Dep. Lieuts. could not compel them. Coningsby should procure a warrant and send down a pursuivant for twenty-five persons undernamed. Unless he does so the Dep. Lieuts. will not meddle in the business hereafter. His horse came too late; 20*l.* is the most that has been bidden for him. [*One page.*]

March 20. 53. Receipt of James Mayo for 12*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* paid by Francis Windebank, being a dividend at the Signet for the month of November last, due to Sec. Coke. [*One page.*]

March 21. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Laurence Squibb 100*l.* for his Majesty's secret service. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 85.]

March 21. 54. Copy of the same. [*One page.*]

March 21. Westminster. Bill to pass the Privy Seal declaring an abatement of the payments laid upon tobacco by Privy Seal, dated 2 March [1631], from 9*d.* to 4*d.* per lb., viz. 2*d.* for subsidy and 2*d.* for impost, on the growth of Virginia and the Somers Islands; and from 12*d.* to 6*d.*, viz. 3*d.* for subsidy and 3*d.* for impost, on that of St. Christopher's and the other Caribbee Islands. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 86.]

March 21. 55. Petition of Alice Gibson, wife of James Gibson, mariner in the Transport, of London, under command of Capt. West, to the Council. Petitioner by her long suit in behalf of the mariners of the Transport, which took the Mary, of Olona, procured an order that Capt. West should bring into the Admiralty such of the mariners' moneys as he had in his custody, and Sir Henry Marten ordered that they should allow petitioner 12*d.* out of every single share towards her 11 months' charges. The mariners

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had their shares, and left the money for petitioner in Capt. West's hands, but he, in very uncivil manner, has refused to pay her. Her husband is gone to the East Indies, and she is ready to perish for want. Prays them to call Capt. West before them. *Underwritten,*

55. I. *Reference to Sir Henry Marten to take such order that the Board be no more troubled with this matter. Whitehall,* 1632, *March* 21. [*Petition and reference one page.*]

March 22. 56. Petition of John Lewgar and Henry Lewgar, his son, their Majesties coffer makers, to the Commissioners for pious uses. The habitation of petitioners being near Paul's Church, the Council had ordered them to surrender their interest, and demolish their dwelling by Lady-day next. They have accordingly surrendered their leases, but having much work in hand for the King and Queen, and being disappointed of a house to receive their goods, they pray respite until Whitsuntide for clearing all away. [*Half a page.*]

March 22. Order of Commissioners for pious uses on the above petition of John Lewgar and Henry Lewgar, his son. The penalties of former orders are dispensed with, provided their house be demolished within fourteen days after Easter. [*One page. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 19.]

March 22. Bristol. 57. Robert Kitchen to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Lion's Ninth Whelp and the Fifth Whelp have arrived there, and by Capt. Hooke, the captain of the latter, the writer received a letter from the Lords of Ireland, with a particular for fitting up each ship at Bristol. Begs them to send down a carpenter to see the ships careened. It is desired the ships should be dispatched with all expedition for guard of the coast. Sends inclosed account of prices of necessary materials at Bristol. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

57. I. *Prices of sail-cloth, with workmanship, and bolt-rope, at Bristol.* [*Quarter of a page.*]

57. II. *The like prices of hemp, tar, oakum, resin, and other necessaries.* [*Quarter of a page.*]

March 22. Bristol. 58. The same to Nicholas. Sends the above letter and explains its contents. Begs to have an answer as speedily as may be. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 22. Apthorpe. 59. Mary Countess of Westmoreland to Sir Henry Vane. Thanks for his many favours to her son. In the improvement of his own son sees such fruits of his directions that she thanks God that her poor fatherless boy stands in so near relation to so judicious and worthy a friend. Mr. Spencer acknowledges his many noble undeserved favours. [*One page.*]

March 23. Westminster. Warrant to pay to Capt. Richard Plumleigh 300*l.* as the King's gift in reward of his service. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 87.]

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March 23. 60. Petition of Lady Slingsby to the Council. Their Lordships on sight of his Majesty's pleasure having ordered the Attorney General to draw a grant of the forfeiture of Thomas Hoarth's bond to petitioner, in respect of a former order made on behalf of the Greenland Company, the Attorney has deferred until further signification of their pleasures. Prays them to direct him to proceed. [*Half a page. The former grant made void this day and the Attorney General directed as prayed. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 476.]

March 23. 61. Petition of Richard Bennett, mariner, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has spent his whole time in nautical affairs. Prays to be appointed boatswain of the ship now building at Deptford. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

61. I. *Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend the above petition of Richard Bennett. One page.*]

March 23. 62. Officers of the Navy to the same. Recommend the suit of Thomas Cooke to be cook in the ship now building at Deptford. [*One page.*]

March 23. Bristol. 63. James Dyer to Nicholas. The messenger sent to bring up Capt. William Thomas, Lieutenant to Sir Thomas Button, in the Ninth Whelp, will inform him of Richard Waterman and six others, mariners, brought over by Thomas, and by him committed to the common gaol there as pirates. They were taken out of several ships by Nutt, the pirate, and put by him into a French prize, which they run ashore on the coast of Ireland. Suggests that they should be removed for their trials, or on the captain's examination be discharged, the gaol being very full. [*Two pages.*]

March 24. Westminster. Grant to Sir John Wolstenholme, of his Majesty's ship the Charles, lent for the discovery of the North-west passage, with seven small iron ordnance and the old tackle and anchors, in consideration that Sir John, in obedience to the King's command, undertook to set forth the said voyage. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 88.]

March 24. Westminster. Grant of denization to George Baxter, born in Scotland. [*Ibid., No.* 89.]

March 24. Westminster. Similar grant to Bartholomew Verplancken, wine cooper, Alexander Raynold, minister, and David Trippin, born in foreign parts. [*Ibid., No.* 90.]

March 25. London. 64. Sir Tobie Matthew to [Sir Henry Vane]. Yesterday night waited at supper on Lord Carlisle, where they had Sir Jacob Ashley at large, a worthy gentleman and a great lover of the Marquis and Sir Henry. He speaks highly of the courage and intellectual and experimental abilities of the King of Sweden, but the writer never heard any man totally exclude from him covetous-

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ness and arrogancy and inordinate ambition. Fears his felicity is not likely to be long lived, so many clouds are coming towards him. The writer never apprehended a man who had no issue male, nor multitudes of subjects, only auxiliaries, but just as he would apprehend a storm. Great improvement in Vane's son. His French good, his discourse discreet, his fashion comely and fair. All the world came good friends from Newmarket, only Lords Carlisle and Holland are at the old distance, and Mrs. Crofts is not so great a courtier at Lady Carlisle's. The Lord Treasurer is still at the same height in the King's favour, and he and Lord Cottington are very dear. Doubts the Chancellor of the Duchy will sooner be buried by his quartan than bury it. Lord Wentworth will not pass into Ireland until August. Sir Marmaduke Darrell was carried yesterday to be buried in Kent. Wandesford suggested for Master of the Wardrobe. My Lord of Middlesex shrewdly frighted by being drawn into the Exchequer on an account about the Wardrobe. Lord Doncaster was married a few days since to Lady Margaret Russell, not only without his father's consent but against his will. Wishes him at home; knows not what a man should get with the Goths. [*Three pages.*]

March 25. 65. Account of receipts out of the lands conveyed by Sir John Couper to Sir Daniel Norton, Edward Tooker, and Thomas Hannam, for payment of his debts, and the payments thereout made from Michaelmas 1631 to Lady-day 1632. Receipts, 18,748*l.* 16*s.* 9½*d.*; charges, 17,816*l.* 1*s.* 2½*d.*; in the accountant's hands, 932*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* [*Twenty-three pages.*]

March 26. Westminster. Licence to Thomas Farnaby for the sole printing and sale for 21 years of the books enumerated in his petition, *Vol.* ccx., *No.* 35. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 91.]

March 26. Mitton. 66. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Reports the result of a meeting with Mr. Bridges, who is agent for Lord Brooke. The desire of Lord Brooke was to have the liberty of the outlying deer for enlarging his pleasure of hunting. Mr. Bridges and the writer had failed in settling the terms upon which this privilege was to be granted. Suggests what the writer deems right. [*Two pages and a half.*]

March 26. Mitton. 67. The same to George Rawden. Explains the nature of the preceding letter. If Lord Conway agrees to his suggested terms he can find a man to look after the woods, who can dwell at the upper end of the lodge barn, which was used for a hawks' mews. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 26. From Sir Henry Vane's lodgings at Court. 68. Sir Tobie Matthew to Sir Henry Vane. Was at Court yesterday, and found the persons there perfectly well disposed to Sir Henry. He is just to the cofferer's place, as he was before Sir [Marmaduke] Darrell's death. [*One page.*]

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March 27. 69. Petition of the Clerk of the Ordnance, Keeper of the Stores, and Clerk of the Deliveries, three of the principal Officers of the Ordnance, to the King. Have understood that the King has been informed that petitioners have made his debt in the Ordnance Office to amount to 60,000*l.*, which, upon examination, was reduced to 15,000*l.* They never reported any such debt, but the reducing of the debt to a true state was done by them, as appears by the declaration annexed. Pray a reference to the Commissioners for examining this matter. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

69. I. *Declaration of the Officers of the Ordnance, touching the true stating of his Majesty's debt in that office. They show the debt to be* 22,382*l.* 1*s.* 5½*d.*, *of which,* 8,268*l.* 4*s.* 2*d. had been paid to Sir William Heydon, and was chargeable against Sir John Heydon, the present Lieutenant, as his executor.* 1632, *March* 27. [*One page. Indorsed by Sec. Coke.*]

March 27. Whitehall. 70. Order of the Council of War for removing Carew Saunders, of London, merchant, Captain of the Blockhouse of West Tilbury, in Essex, from his said place, and appointing Capt. John Talbot thereto. Carew Saunders is to deliver up his patent, or if he shall in any way resist, Capt. Talbot is to take possession of the fort, and the Attorney General is to make void Saunders's patent in due form of law. [*One page and a half. Attested copy.*]

March 27. Whitehall. 71. Minutes of proceedings of the Council of War at their meeting this day. The petitioners, Colonels Sir Thomas Fryer, Robert Farrer, and Philip Hakluyt, shall deliver in to a committee appointed for that purpose answers to certain questions respecting their leaving their employment in the Low Countries, and the amounts received by them for their services under his Majesty; the same committee is to take into consideration the repair and reducing the expense of castles and forts; Carew Saunders discharged, as mentioned in the preceding article; Captain John Smyth similarly discharged from his captaincy of Gravesend, and Thomas Lord, the next in reversion, appointed thereto. [*Two pages. Attested copy.*]

[March 27.] 72. Answers of Sir Thomas Fryer to the questions mentioned in the preceding article. Came over by order of Viscount Wimbledon; has received pay for the time of actual service, but no gratuity. [*Half a page.*]

March 27. 73. Answers of Colonel Robert Farrer to similar questions. He came over at the instance of Viscount Wimbledon; has received all his pay but no reward, save only a baronet, which the Duke gave him for repair of his losses and ransom, having been imprisoned four months in France. [*Unsigned. Three quarters of a page.*]

March 27. 74. Answers of Colonel Philip Hakluyt to the same questions. Similar to those given by Sir Thomas Fryer. [*Unsigned. Three quarters of a page.*]

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March 27. 75. Treatise, entitled "The Ancient Institution and Form of "Government of your Majesty's Office of Ordnance." It is another copy of *Vol.* clxxix., *No.* 51. 1., but indorsed as being "The Book "delivered to the King" this day. [*Eight pages.*]

March 28. Westminster. Confirmation of a decree of the Commissioners of Sewers for draining Deeping Fen, South Fen, and Croyland, co. Lincoln, by the Earl of Bedford, Sir William Russell, and Sir Robert Bevill, upon certain terms therein specified, with the addition of a stipulation that if in the course of their draining they shall overflow any lands of the King or any other person, they shall make amends. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 92.]

March 28. Westminster. 76. Sir Robert Pye to Sir Henry Vane. Anticipates from Sir Henry's news and all other circumstances that this will prove a hot summer. Prays that it may prove as successful as the last, and hopes the King of Sweden will rest upon His Providence who never failed to finish His work. Prays that he will bless Vane there, and send "us here" peace and a true understanding betwixt King and people. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 28. 77. Receipt of Anne Viscountess Dorchester for 12*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.*, a dividend due to the late Sec. from Francis Windebank, one of the clerks of the Signet, for the month of November 1631. [*Half a page.*]

March 28. London. 78. Sir Henry Marten, Official of the Court of Arches, to Bishop Williams, of Lincoln, and Walter Walker. Citation to appear in the Court of Arches in a cause with Sir John Lambe respecting his presentation of Abraham Haines to the vicarage of Oadby, co. Leicester, vacant by the resignation of Jeremiah Watts. [*One page.*]

March 29. Westminster. Warrant to pay to William Alcock, administrator to the late Duke of Buckingham, 17,390*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* disbursed by the late Duke for the King's service, whereof 11,790*l.* was advanced for the expedition to the Isle of Rhé, and 4,500*l.* for building the Lion's Whelps. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 93.]

March 29. Westminster. Grant to Robert Earl of Monmouth and Henry Lord Carey, his son, of certain lands in Lockington and other towns in co. York. Lat. [*Ibid., No.* 94.]

March 29 Westminster. Presentation of Robert Browne, M.A., to the rectory of Harden *alias* Hawarden, co. Flint. [*Ibid., No.* 95.]

[March 29.] 79. Petition of John Clifton to the Council. In 1625, on the return of the fleet from Cadiz, petitioner was employed to take up the remains of victuals, and to issue so much as was wholesome among the fleet then lying at Plymouth, whereby he saved his Majesty between 12,000*l.* and 13,000*l.*, besides delivering to Mons. Soubise s fleet for 1,260 men as much victuals as was worth 1,800*l.* or 2,000*l.* Prays reward for himself and four men who assisted him. [*One page.*]

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[March 29.] 80. Similar petition to the Lords of the Admiralty. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Underwritten,*

80. I. *Reference to Sir William Russell, Sir John Wolstenholme, and Sir Kenelm Digby, to examine what time petitioner and his servants were employed, and what service he did, and to certify what would be a reasonable reward for his pains. Whitehall,* 1632, *March* 29. [*Quarter of a page.*] *Annexed,*

80. II. *Sir William Russell, Sir John Wolstenholme, and Sir Kenelm Digby, to the Lords of the Admiralty. John Clifton, the petitioner, was employed, with three servants, from* 26*th December* 1625 *to* 30*th September* 1626. *His service conduced much to his Majesty's advantage. Recommend the Lords to allow him* 250*l.* 1632, *June* 19. [*One page.*]

March 29. 81. Copy of the preceding report of Sir William Russell and the others. [*One page.*]

March 29. 82. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be considered by the Lords of the Admiralty at their meeting this day. To appoint ships for the guard of the coast of Ireland; to consider what shall be done with the mariners who are prisoners at Bristol on suspicion of piracy; cases of Henry Dunning and one Wilson, boatswains, who have taken upon them to go as masters of the ships employed in the Narrow Seas; charge against Capt. Thomas; Sir Philip Carteret's memorial concerning Jersey and Guernsey; cause between the Dutch and the Portugals. [*One page and a quarter.*]

March 30. Westminster. Grant that 1,921*l.* 8*s.* 6½*d.* half farthing, and the third part of a farthing, being the first fruits of the Bishopric of Ely, may be paid by Dr. Francis White by four yearly instalments. [*Sign Man. Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 96.]

March 30. Whitehall. 83. The King to the Vice-Chancellor and Caput Senatûs of Cambridge. At the King's last being at Cambridge he left a list with the Vice-Chancellor of so many persons as should have the benefit of his Majesty's command for their taking such degrees as they desired, which has been fully performed; but their Chancellor, the Earl of Holland, having made known to the King that the want of performance of such acts as the statutes require may tend to the prejudice of young students, the King commands that when he shall in future be pleased to grant letters mandatory for admitting to degrees, the persons now addressed shall forbear to admit to such degrees until caution be given for the due keeping of the required acts. [*Copy. Two pages and a half.*]

March. 84. The same to Capt. Thomas Ketelby and Capt. John Nutt, The King having pardoned Capt. Robert Nutt and his associates, if

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he or they shall be so wedded to their lewd courses as to refuse to come in within the time limited, the persons addressed are to apprehend them and deliver them into the hand of justice. [*Draft. One page.*]

March. The King to all Captains of ships and others his officers. Pass for Capt. Thomas Ketelby and Capt. John Nutt, employed on the King's special service, to sea. [*Draft. Written on the same paper as the preceding. Three quarters of a page.*]

[March ?] 85. Petition of Thomas Hebbs, Surveyor General of his Majesty's ways, to the Council. Richard Powell being scavenger for High Holborn, petitioner the day before the King and Queen went last to Theobalds, gave Powell warning to cleanse the passage between the two gates in Holborn, where many loads of noisome soil lay stopping up the way, but Powell neglected, and at the time of the King's coming that way, a cart laden with soil stood in the passage stopping up the way. Prays that Powell and other scavengers may be enjoined to better performance of his Majesty's service. [*Half a page.*]

March ? 86. Petition of Richard Powell, scavenger of the parish of St. Giles's-in-the-Fields, to the same. Edmund Barker, a messenger, served petitioner about ten days ago to appear before the Board, for that some part of the parish was not at that instant made clean, but on sight of the warrant petitioner caused the same to be cleansed. Barker having warned petitioner to appear, he prays that being a poor man with a charge of children he may be discharged. [*Half a page.*]

March ? 87. Petition of Thomas Bowler to the same. Petitioner was warned to attend the Board for not paving in Long Acre. Philip Hindes is the party that receives his rent. Prays that he may be ordered to bear the expense of paving. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

87. I. *Minute that Thomas Bowler was bound in* 100*l. to appear before the Lords by Sir Henry Spiller, Mr. Whitaker, and Mr. Heywood, for refusing to pay for paving before four tenements in Long Acre, which comes to* 19*l.* 6*s.* [*Half a page.*]

March ? 88. Petition of James Hudson, his Majesty's Postmaster at Canterbury, to the same. Being postmaster for the packets he must keep divers servants and 12 or 14 horses at all times in readiness, yet his neighbours as often as any strangers come to the town presently furnish them with horses to petitioner's prejudice. On a former complaint the townsmen promised to offend no more in this kind, but they still persist in their abusive courses, wherefore petitioner prays that they may be ordered not to meddle with furnishing any foreigner or stranger with horses. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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March? 89. Petition of John Etherington, Yeoman of his Majesty's Chamber, on behalf of himself, his four sons, and the poor commons, to the Council. Has attended the Judges according to the Order of Council of 14 September 1631, who have reported the petitioner's cause to be very just and commodious. Prays a confirmation of the same report, the rather that petitioner has attended the service by the King's command for these nine years past. [*Half a page.*]

March. 90. Petition of the poor Water-bearers of Aldermanbury Conduit to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen. Not long since they were suitors, for that they were deprived of the water at the conduit, there being sufficient store at the well-head. Since which the water is wholly taken from them, which is a lamentable thing that citizens of good rank should want their best water and so many poor men their work to live by. Pray redress.

[March?] 91. [Lords of the Admiralty?] to Attorney General Noy. The late King granted to Sir Alexander Temple the Captainship of the Blockhouse of West Tilbury, in Essex, and the reversion thereof after his death to Carew Saunders. The Council and Council of War having discharged Saunders for insufficiency, the King has appointed Capt. John Talbot to that place. The Attorney General is to prepare a grant to Talbot accordingly. [*Draft corrected by Nicholas. One page.*]

[March?] 92. John Nicholas to his son Edward Nicholas. Is in his old employment of court keeping, which he finds very unprofitable. Will rest with Sir William Calley that day sennight, and the next day keep court at Ramsbury. Sorrow for the illness of Edward Nicholas's son Matthew; Edward's mother is still troubled with her infirmity in her face. Distraction in the worthy family of the Sherfields. The writer's neighbour claims the inheritance of the Recorder's land under a conveyance made before the Recorder's cause was heard in the Star Chamber, to prevent the King from his fine and to deceive his creditors. Ramsey, that married the Recorder's daughter, and his wife are at Sarum, and all the tribe are in arms. Ramsey has served the writer's neighbour and his son with a subpœna into the Chancery, and swears that no man shall have a penny out of the estate but by the extremity of law. Squire Prowett and his wife are gone the writer knows not whither; his father was arrested and carried to gaol for his son's debt. John Note is ready to bewray himself, being in the bond with the squire and his father. Glad of Mrs. Herbert's safe delivery of a son. Lady Gorges is dead, and carried by her son Sir Haselwood to those parts where he lives to be buried. They begin in those parts to fear the great preparation of the French. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

[March.] 93. Petition of William George, Clerk of his Majesty's Wardrobes and Robes, to Lord Treasurer Weston and Francis Lord Cottington. George Kirke, Gentleman of the Robes, from Michael-

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mas 1630 to last Michaelmas received 5,000*l.* on account of the expenses of his Majesty's robes and apparel, and further sums imprested on account of two masques at Christmas 1630 and 1631, but he will not deliver to petitioner the bills of emptions from which an account may be made out. Prays that he may be ordered to do so. [*Three quarters of a page*]

March. 94. Report of Attorney General Noy and Dr. Thomas Rives, the King's Advocate, on the best way of remedying the abuse and profanation of St. Paul's Church. The abuses are:—1. Walking there during divine service; and 2. On Sundays and festival days the boys and maids and children of the adjoining parishes, after dinner, come into the church and play as children use to do till dark night, whence comes that inordinate noise which many times suffers not the preacher to be heard. The reporters recommend that order be given to the parents in the adjoining parishes to inhibit their children; that for foreigners and strangers the Dean and Canons should come in their proper persons and habits in time of service and require those who are walking and talking either to come into the quire or depart the church; and if any be contemptuous should prosecute them in the Ecclesiastical Courts or before the High Commission. [*One page and a half.*]

March. 95. Account by Francis Windebank of fees received at the Signet Office for business transacted during the present month; total, 52*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* [*One page and three quarters.*]

March. 96. Account by the same of total receipts at the Signet Office and disbursements thereout during the present month. Among the disbursements are, delivered to my aunt, 25*l.*; for two pair of shoe strings, 3*s.*; to Lawrence Janson, the particular man, 5*s.*; for fish at Newbury, 16*s.*; horse meat at Okingham, 1*s.*; the chamberlain and ostler, 2*s.* [*One page.*]

March. 97. Copy of the preceding. [*One page.*]

[March?] 98. Articles propounded by the Scottish Adventurers in the scheme for a general fishery upon certain instructions sent by his Majesty to his Secretary for Scotland. It is stated to be understood that the projected fishery would be limited to such fishing whereof the benefit was then reaped by foreigners, and would not interfere with the fishing enjoyed by natives; explanations were solicited of ambiguous terms, and some practical details suggested, which it was thought ought to be cleared before the question of the government of the Association was entered upon. The building of burghs in the Isle of Lewis could not be answered until the next meeting of the estates. [*One page and a quarter.*]

March. 99. Names of persons at Cobham in Surrey who were suggested to be sent for to the Council for defaults in connexion with the payment to the muster-master. [*Half a page.*]

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1632. March. 100. Return of Thomas Wornam, constable of Long Ditton, that William Waller, of that place, refused to pay the sum assessed upon him for the muster-master. [*Half a page.*]

[March.] 101. Brief notes in Nicholas's handwriting relating to various Admiralty businesses; the customer or searcher of Boston; Lady Teynham's suits against divers fishermen; that castles are subordinate to the Admiralty. On the second leaf is written a suggestion of L. C. [Lord Cottington?] that the castles should be repaired, that the captains should attend in person or be displaced, and that instructions should be framed for them. [*This suggestion was probably made on the 27th June 1632, in the Council of War. See Vol.* ccxviii., *art* 37. *Quarter of a page.*]

[March.] 102. Deposition of Thomas Eaton, who was tenant for thirty years of Eaton's close, that the watercourse lately scoured by Thomas Robinson, one of the farmers of the coal mine at Bedworth, is the ancient watercourse, and has always been accounted the best way to turn the water. [*Half a page.*]

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April 2. Whitehall. 1. The King to [the Chief Justice of Chester?]. The King referred the difference betwixt Lord Cholmondeley and Sir Randolph Crewe to be composed by friends, but that taking no effect, he will not interrupt the ordinary course of justice, and therefore dissolves the reference, and leaves them to the law, wherein he is assured the person addressed will give them indifferent hearing. [*Copy without address. Three quarters of a page.*]

April 2. Taunton. 2. Mayor and another of Taunton to Thomas Luttrell, Sheriff of co. Somerset. At the market in that borough on Saturday last, wheat was at 5*s.* 4*d.* per bushel, rye at 3*s.* 8*d.*, and other grain in proportion. [*Half a page.*]

April 2. 3. John Nicholas to his son Edward Nicholas. Family details. Cousin Parry will give but 10*l.* for the escheatorship. Mr. Tichborne apparently stands upon a much higher rate. Perceives that Mr. Oldisworth told Edward Nicholas of his coming down. Thinks he would insinuate into Edward Nicholas's love, but the writer doubts not Edward will be wary, and trust Oldisworth as the writer does. Wishes Charles Herbert to lodge with the writer one night, as he goes to Wilton. [*One page.*]

April 2. Bristol. 4. James Dyer to the same. The examinations of the prisoners were not taken by the Mayor of Bristol, because he cannot examine things done upon the seas without having a commission. If he be enabled, it shall be done forthwith. [*One page.*]

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April 2. 5. Release from Katharine Duchess of Buckingham, and William Alcock, administrator in trust for the Duchess of the goods of the late Duke, to Capt. John Pennington, one of the Gentlemen in ordinary of his Majesty's Privy Chamber, of 4,500*l.*, part of 7,000*l.* advanced by the Duke to the said Capt. Pennington, for building the Lion's Whelps, and 800*l.* advanced in like manner for provisions for the Duke's intended voyage to Rochelle. The 4,500*l.* had been received by the Duchess from the Exchequer, but there was some question whether the remaining 2,500*l.* of the 7,000*l.* were the Duke's own money, or belonged to his Majesty. [*One page.*]

April 4. Whitehall. 6. Order of Council. Thomas Williamson, a suspected person, having taken a warrant from Francis Newton, a messenger, for apprehending priests, and torn the same, the Attorney General was to call Williamson and Newton before him, and certify their examinations to the Board. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April 4. Whitehall. 7. The Council to Francis Newton, mentioned in the preceding article. Warrant for apprehending Jesuits, seminary priests, transporters of children beyond seas, letter carriers, collectors, or receivers, and bringing them before the Council, or one of the Secretaries of State. [*Unsigned. One page.*]

April 4. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 8. Certificate of the Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, of their proceedings as Commissioners for conservancy of the river Tyne, from Michaelmas 1631 to Easter 1632. [*One page.*]

April 4. 9. ——— to Bishop Laud. Relates the history of the suicide of Dr. Butts, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge. Describes his previous state of insanity. On Easter Sunday he lay in bed, but said he was well and cheerful, bade his wife go to church, and when she was gone, charged his servants to go down for half an hour, for he would take his rest. He then arose in his shirt, bolted the door, took the kercher about his head, and hanged himself. This day, Dr. Comber is chosen Vice-Chancellor. The writer thinks the Heads should have laid home to Dr. Butts a confutation of his position, that because he had failed of his temporal hopes, the hour of mercy was past, and should have appointed a sure watch to look to him. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud. Printed, but not entirely, in Masson's Life of Milton,* I. 222. *Two pages.*]

April 6. Whitehall. 10. Order of Council. By order of 15 June last, Robert Snow was referred to the Attorney General, who was to move the Barons of Exchequer to stay proceedings for that term in the cause between Snow and the Wardens of the Company of Goldsmiths, touching the defacing of silver plate. The Attorney General was also required to proceed against Snow by indictment, or in the Star Chamber. Snow having petitioned that he did not intend to molest the Company, and having answered the matters against him in the Star Chamber, the whole business is referred to the Attorney General for settlement. *Underwritten,*

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10. I. *Appointment for the parties to attend the Attorney General.* 1632, *April* 29.

10. II. *Attorney General to the Council. Reports his examination of the parties. The point in dispute was the proper mode of making the assay; in reference to which the Attorney General suggested some new regulations.* [*Order and other papers two pages and a half.*]

April 6. Whitehall. 11. The Council to the Lords of the Admiralty. Ships coming from St. Christopher's, the Barbadoes, and other English plantations, go into foreign countries with their goods, to his Majesty's great loss in his customs. The Lords of the Admiralty are to take order that all such ships come into the port of London, and there unlade. [*One page.*]

April 6. The Marshalsea. 12. Capt. William Thomas to Nicholas. Sends copies of letters with intelligence of an attempt, intended to be made by the Argier men on the coast of Ireland, and also that Nutt is at Long Island, near Crookhaven. Prays conference with Nicholas, and that he will help the writer to his liberty. [*One page.*]

April 6. Taunton. 13. Mayor and another of Taunton to Thomas Luttrell, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Report their proceedings for relief of the poor within that borough. [*One page.*]

April 6. Gillmorton. 14. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Leicester, of presentations made to them by the petty constables of the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April 7. Whitehall. 15. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington, Admiral of the Narrow Seas, on board the Convertive. For better preservation of fish, order is given by the Lords of the Council, that no nets called trawls shall be used from the Long Sand Head northward, southward, eastward, or westward, so far as Beachy Head, and that no French be permitted to fish on the coast, but such as are licensed by the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Warden. Pennington is, therefore, to take order that some of the small vessels under his charge range along the coast to see that such order is obeyed, and, in case of any persons offending, to cause their trawls to be taken from them, and the names of the masters to be sent up. And if he shall find any Frenchmen at the Zowe, near Rye, fishing without licence, he is not only to seize their nets, but also to send the master and one or more of the chief of them, and their boats, into one of his Majesty's ports, to be safely kept, until the Lords take order for their punishment. [*One page.*]

[April 7 ?] 16. Oath of homage taken by Bishop Corbet, on his election to the see of Norwich. [*One page.*]

April 7. 17. List of trawls and trawlers taken by Capt. William Cooke. They all say they cannot live without trawling. [*One page. Indorsed as* "Received, 23 April 1632."]

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April 7. 18. List indorsed by Nicholas as containing the names of divers trawlers. [*Half a page.*]

April 8. 19. The Council to the Justices of Peace in every county throughout the kingdom. The King in July last, by proclamation, prohibited any man to buy grain to convert the same into malt after Christmas last, but such as should be allowed by his Majesty's Commissioners, whereby their number might be lessened, and they reduced under government by incorporation in every county. The persons addressed are to send for the constables, to give them an account of such persons as have bought grain to convert into malt since Christmas last, and by what authority the maltsters have done the same. [*Draft, stated in the indorsement to have been "prepared for the Board against Sunday, 8th of April* 1632." *One page.*]

April 8. Dover Castle. 20. Sir Edward Dering to Sec. Coke. On notice of his pleasure about the Scottish man-of-war, he took the examination of Capt. Orrold, the effect whereof is, that he has been captain of his Majesty's ship, the Lion, for two months, and has a commission of marque out of the Admiralty of Scotland, for reprize upon the Hamburghers to the value of 35,000*l.*, by virtue whereof he has taken and sent into Leith three vessels of 80 tons, laden with oranges, wine, and clapboard, and has here a fourth prize laden with corn of about 160 tons. He has sent up to the Earl of Morteigne [Morton?] his commission. If his commission be allowed, yet he should make amends for refusing to come ashore, upon warrant sent by the Serjeant of the Admiralty (he in his own ship and his master in the prize), until by expense of powder, they were awed and enforced. Will be watchful for the stay of Sir John Caswell. [*One page.*]

April 8. The Tenth Whelp, in the Downs. 21. Captain Henry Stradling to the same. This Sunday, there came to an anchor in the Downs a ship of Queensferry, in Scotland, come from Virginia, laden with tobacco and wood. The goods belong to London merchants. Has put some men on board to carry her up to London, and has given the farmers of the customs notice. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April 8. Tilbury Hope. 22. Captain William Cooke to Nicholas. Has seized some trawls and sent names and examinations of owners to the Judge of the Admiralty. Wishes to know whether it is necessary that, as he does on this occasion, he should send the names also to the Lords of the Admiralty. [*The names are underwritten. One page.*]

April 9. Westminster. 23. Nicholas to Captain John Pennington. Could not get the letter inclosed signed [probably the letter of the Lords of the Admiralty to Pennington of the 7th inst., *No.* 15.] till that afternoon. Has likewise sent Capt. Stradling's commission. Captain Plumleigh will acquaint him with such news as those parts afford. Nicholas was told to-day that Mr. Jerome Weston, the Lord Treasurer's eldest son, goes Ambassador extraordinary to Savoy, and

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the Earl of Leicester to Denmark; the former to congratulate the Duke on his accession, the other to condole on the death of our King's grandmother. St. George's feast will be celebrated on the proper day at Whitehall, for which there is great preparation. Believes Pennington will be returned and gone for the West country before either of the Ambassadors will be ready to go. Has heard nothing as yet of Pennington's memorial, delivered to his Majesty. Rumour that Augsburg had rendered voluntarily to the King of Sweden, but it is not credited. [*One page.*]

April 9. Tower Street. 24. Sir William Russell to Nicholas. Mr. Andrewes Burrell is to furnish knees [knee-timber] forth of Ireland for his Majesty's service, and has freighted a ship for that purpose. Begs Nicholas to procure a letter from the Lords, to enable Burrell to ship them from thence. [*Half a page.*]

April 9. 25. Justices of Peace for Suffolk to the Sheriff. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor within the division of St. Etheldred. [*One page.*]

April 9. 26. Information of Jasper Heily, one of his Majesty's messengers. Travelling upon his Majesty's service, he came to an inn at Trowbridge, kept by William Long, where at first he was well received, but after Long and his wife understood that Heily was his Majesty's servant, they refused to give him diet or lodging, but abused him with reviling speeches, and said their kinsman, Walter Long, had received very hard measure from the King and Council, for service done in the last Parliament. Among other scornful treatment he received from them and their servants, the latter threw a chamber-pot full of filthiness upon Heily, at which Long and his wife much rejoiced. [*Three quarters of a page. Long was sent for, and made his appearance on the 27th inst. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 530.]

April 10. Worcester. 27. Justices of Peace for co. Worcester to the Council. Certificate that 105 vagrants have been punished in the divisions of Evesham and Pershore, within the months of January, February, and March last past. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April 10. The Convertive, in Tilbury Hope. 28. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Yesternight Lady Strange, with her brother Count De Lavoall, and other Lords, and a great train, came aboard his ship riding in Tilbury Hope, but the wind had since changed so that they could not stir from thence. That afternoon the Matthew, of London, passed up the river in an insolent manner, keeping his flag aloft till he came up with Pennington, and then struck it, and presently hoisted it again without settling his top sails or keeping his flag down till he were past. Pennington shot at him, but in vain. Begs that he may be questioned. [*One page.*]

April 11. Plymouth. 29. Mayor and others of Plymouth to Sec. Coke. Inclose an answer to a letter from the Council concerning wines belonging to

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Captain Heigham, which came to the hands of Caus and Hallett, merchants of their town, also examinations relating to a charge against John Bussereau, a Frenchman, who was charged with having informed other Frenchmen that the French king was preparing a great fleet to invade England, and with having advised them to return home and get employment in the said fleet, assuring them that if they came to England he would aid and assist them all he could. The writers conceive that the accusation comes of spleen and malice, but they have taken bail of Bussereau to be forthcoming. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

29. I. *Mayor and others of Plymouth to the Council. With respect to Capt. Geo. Heigham's wines, on return of the fleet from Rhé, Capt. Wm. Buxton's ship was cast away in the harbour of Plymouth, and after having lain under water two months was sold by Nicholas Warren, the owner, to Caus and Hallett. By their pains the ship was recovered, and in the hold were found nine butts of French wine. Having taken the salt water they were all brackish, and in short time smelt so noisome that they were staved and cast away. Send examinations respecting the charge against Bussereau above mentioned.* [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

29. I. i. *Separate examinations of James Vienna, Gabriel Molly, William Areva, and John Bussereau, all taken before the Mayor of Plymouth,* 19 *March* 1632. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

April 11. 30. Justices of Peace for co. Worcester to Sir James Pitt, the Sheriff. Certificate of vagabonds punished and measures taken for relief of the poor within the limits of Worcester. [*One page and a half.*]

April 11. 31. Oration made by Mr. Earl, Proctor at Oxford, on his leaving that office. He congratulates the University, in a satirical manner, on the royal interference in its affairs, and the changes in studies, manners, and discipline introduced by their Chancellor, Bishop Laud. Lat. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud. Four pages and a half.*]

April 12. Westminster. 32. The King to Bishop Laud, Chancellor of Oxford. The King had reason to suppose that his princely care had sufficiently regulated that University, but understands that the late Lent exercises in their schools had been carried in such disorder that if the Dean of Christchurch, the Vice-Chancellor, had not excused the bachelors of that house from answering, there had followed much mischief. The Bishop is required to give present order for suppressing these tumults, and that the authors may be punished. [*One page.*]

April 12. 33. Sir Robert Knollys, Sir Charles Wiseman, and Dr. Samuel Fell to the Council. On examination of Tristram Hartwell, postmaster at Abingdon, and Thomas Clempson, William Lee, and John

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Bradford, late Mayors of the same borough, concerning the matters complained of in the petitions inclosed by the Council to the writers, they find the substance of the answer of Thomas Clempson to be true, that Hartwell upon complaints against him was committed only until he found sureties, and that he brought his action against Bradford for his imprisonment, and was nonsuited. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Inclose,*

33. I. *Petition of Tristram Hartwell, postmaster for the borough of Abingdon, to the Council. Complains of various interferences with him in the execution of his office, during the King's progress, by John Bradford, Mayor of the town. Prays reference to Sir Charles Wiseman, Dr. Samuel Fell, Henry Whiston, and Christopher Newstead, gentlemen of the neighbourhood.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

33. II. *Another petition of the same to the same. Sets forth further grievances against John Bradford, Thomas Clempson, and William Lee, and prays that Bradford and Clempson may be sent for.* [*One page.*]

33. III. *Answer of Thomas Clempson to the complaints of Tristram Hartwell. Negatives his interference as alleged by Hartwell, and sets forth that all he had done in the matter was that Hartwell having been brought before him on the complaint of the constable, he willed Hartwell to provide sureties for good behaviour, but that afterwards he and the constable agreed and the matter came to an end.* [*One page.*]

April 12. Drayton. 34. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Salop, of presentments made to them as to vagrants punished within five of the allotments of the North part of the hundred of Bradford, from 15 March last to this day. [*Underwritten,* "Received the 2 of October 1632." *Three quarters of a page.*]

April 13. Cambridge. 35. Vice-Chancellor and Senate of the University of Cambridge to the King. Thanks for favours shown to them. Lat. [*One page.*]

April 13. Whitehall. 36. Order of Council. The Council Book of every month shall by the Clerk attending have the title of every order entered in the margin, that there may be an index of the whole book entered at the end. The clerk is also to enter what return has been made under every order, and at the end of his waiting to bring the book to the Board. The clerks are to divide among them the former books, that they may be thus perfected. [*Copy. Three quarters of a page.*] *Underwritten,*

36. I. *Copy Order of* 31 *October* 1631, *that the clerks in waiting shall leave no orders unentered at the end of their waiting.* [*Quarter of a page.*]

April 13. 37. Copy of the same. [*One page and three quarters.*]

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April 13. Sessions at Aylesbury. 38. Justices of Peace for co. Bucks to the Council. According to their commands of the 28th September and the 16th March last, have considered how to contrive the carriage of one-third part of 1,000 loads of timber out of Shotover and Stow-wood. The ways are at this present altogether impassable, or at least so foul that the loads which should be carried must be very small, to the great increase of carriages and price; wherefore they desire that the performance of the service may be deferred till the ways grow fairer. [*One page. Among the signatures is that of John Hampden.*]

April 13. 39. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Peter Pett has caused 2,000 trees to be marked in the New Forest, which will amount to 3,000 loads. In the Forest of East and West Beere he finds only 400 trees, which will not make above 400 loads. So there are wanting 1,600 trees of the number expected from that forest, which may be supplied in the New Forest or Alice Holt, in Surrey. If the plots of the ships were resolved upon, the timbers might be moulded in the woods, which would save near one-third in carriage. The burthen of carriage will fall very heavy on that county, wherefore it is requested that some of the adjacent counties might be joined in that service. Wiltshire and Sussex are the bordering counties. [*One page.*]

April 13. Whitehall. Order of Commissioners for pious uses. Divers cellars under the houses at the west end of St. Paul's may prejudice the foundation; Inigo Jones is to take a view of the same, and see that they be filled up at the charge of the owners. [*Three quarters of a page. Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 19 *a.*]

April 13. Ragley. 40. Foulke Reed to [George Rawden?]. Has spoken with Mr. Bridges, and concluded with him as with Sir Richard Tracy, only the liberty for the outlying deer until Michaelmas next added. Lord Brooke's rent will be paid in London. Arrangement for receipt of other rents. Martin comes up with the coach mare and black Grimes he rides on. [*One page.*]

April [13?] 41. Deputy Lieutenants of Berks to Henry Earl of Holland, the Lord Lieutenant. The persons whose names they have returned as delinquents give out, and especially Andrew Boreman, that they do it of malice. It is necessary that some should be made examples of. [*Half a page.*] *Inclosed,*

41. I. *List of persons who have neglected their service and attendance at musters.* [*One page.*]

April 14. 42. Petition of John Maria Salvioni and others, merchants of Venice, to the Court of Delegates. In the appeal between petitioners and the company of English merchants, touching goods laden in the Nostra Signora di bon Viagio et Santa Oleia, taken by John Barker, Captain of the Golden Cock, near Zante, from certain Turks, order was made that 2,652*l.* 9*s.* 11*d.*, the proceeds of the goods, should remain in the Admiralty Court for 12 months, to the

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intent that the petitioners, assisted by his Majesty's Ambassador, might employ their diligence to give the Grand Signor satisfaction, whereby his Majesty's subjects trading in those parts might be freed from molestation. His Majesty's Ambassador having opposed the Venetians in procuring such declaration, petitioners pray that the money may remain deposited for six months longer. [*Three quarters of a page. Indorsed by Nicholas, "The order must be "changed."*]

April 14. 43. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty, with marginal notes in some cases of the results. Among other things:—Order of the Council to be considered for a sufficient guard for the coasts of Ireland and Wales; Sir Philip Carteret's application for a ketch to be sent for Jersey and Guernsey; sentence in the cause between the Portugalls and the Dutch, [*Margin*, "The King will hear this cause"]; what to be done with the pinnaces sent into Bristol by the Lords Justices, with the six prisoners in them; cases of Sir Francis Stewart and Sir Thomas Button; the boatswains who have taken upon them to be masters; Capt. Thomas; Capt. Pennington's complaint of Thomas Norman; Mr. Cooke, commander of the Henrietta Maria, desires leave to go to the Bath, and Mr. Austen desires warrant for that employment; Salvioni's petition, [*Margin*, "Not to be "altered."] [*One page and a half.*]

April 16. 44. Petition of Mary Turnour, widow of Cyril Turnour, to the Council of War. Petitioner's husband having settled means under the States of Holland of 60*l.* per annum, was chosen by Viscount Wimbledon to go upon the Cadiz action as Secretary to the Council of War and of the Marshal's Court, and received 10*l.* as imprest on both places. He executed both places from 2 August 1625 to the 26 September following, when Mr. Glanville was sent by his Majesty as Secretary of the Council of War, which was the only place for credit, and wherein his pay would have come to 400*l.* He went the voyage notwithstanding as Secretary to the Marshal's Court, and on his return died in Ireland on 28 February 1626, leaving petitioner destitute. Prays allowance for her husband's service, and refers to the certificate annexed. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

44. 1. *Certificate of Edward Viscount Wimbledon that Cyril Turnour served as Secretary to the Council of War until Mr. Glanville was sent down to execute that place by the Lords.* 1632, *April* 16. [*Half a page.*]

April 16. Bristol. 45. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. Reminds him of a letter of the writer respecting the refitting some ships from Ireland, which letter Nicholas was to deliver to the Lords of the Admiralty and send the writer an answer. [*One page,*]

April 16. Tehidie. 46. Francis Bassett to the same. About two months since a ship from Barbadoes laden with fustick wood and tobacco was wrecked on the north of Cornwall, and no man saved. The ordnance and

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merchandise were seized for the King as belonging to the manor of Tintagel. Wrote to Mr. Attorney to inquire whether it did not belong to the King as Admiral, but got no reply. In the meantime one Gewin and others have obtained a commission to dispose thereof. The writer is ready now to begin his journey, to struggle for an order for the ordnance, worth at least 400*l.* Has written to Mr. Attorney again. Longs to see Nicholas and his other friends, but dares not attempt it without valuable business, knowing Mr. Attorney would rattle him for an idle journey. The dirty, smoky, stinking tobacco trade has so choked up all fair trade there that were he to hear of a pirate more he should leave that part of the country. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

46. I. *Note of the wreck above mentioned, and especially of the precise spot on which the ship came ashore.* [*Quarter of a page.*] *Annexed,*

46. II. *John Benoke to Francis Bassett. Mr. Worthevale has procured a commission, joining with him Auditor Gewin and Nic. Opie, the Feodary of the Duchy, to examine all persons who have saved any part of the wrecked ship or goods. They have precepted* 200 *people and more to be at Botreaux Castle on Thursday next. Botreaux Castle,* 1632, *April* 9. [*One page.*]

April 16. Haverfordwest. 47. Justices of Peace for co. Pembroke to John Earl of Bridgewater, Lord President of Wales. Great damage was sustained last year in the west parts of Ireland by pirates carrying the name of Turks, though with them being a mixture of Christians. By that encouragement the writers understand they intend an attempt in the river Severn, and in Milford Haven especially, where a ship under the name of a Biscayner has remained for this last fortnight, and has made spoil of some Irishmen and others. Pray that one of the King's ships may be sent to Milford for the guard thereof. [*One page.*]

April 16. Harrow. 48. William Neighbour to George Rawden, secretary to Viscount Conway. Begs forgiveness of 3*l.* arrears of rent, having served the late Lord 26 years. When John Mayo went into Ireland he left a gown with the writer, appointing it to be sent with Lady Huncks's goods, but she goeth not. Begs him to acquaint my Lord with it, that he may give order what shall be done with it. [*One page.*]

April 16. Peterborough. 49. Bishop Piers, of Peterborough, to Sir John Lambe. The King having granted a licence for a collection to be made within the county of Northampton, towards the relief of the inhabitants of Lincoln and other infected places in that county, with power for the Bishop of every diocese to nominate Justices of the Peace to set forward such collection with the Chancellor of the Diocese, the Bishop therefore nominates Sir John Lambe for that purpose. ["I received this, 30 Maij 1632, at night at London. Jo. La." [*One page.*]

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April 16. 50. Certificate of Deputy Lieutenants of Berks. Andrew Boreman, of Reading, having refused payment to the muster-masters, now submits himself and promises to perform his duty hereafter. [*Half a page.*]

April 17. 51. Petition of the Clerk of the Ordnance, Keeper of the Stores, and Clerk of the Deliveries, three of the principal Officers of the Ordnance, to the King. Refute a statement made to the King, that petitioners had made the debt of the Ordnance Office to amount to 60,000*l.* *Annexed,*

61. I. *Declaration of the Officers of the Ordnance above mentioned touching the true stating of that debt.* 1632, *March* 27. [*These are copies of Vol.* ccxiii., *No.* 68. *and* 68. I., *but are assigned to the date of* 1632, *April* 17, *by an indorsement. The petition and declaration two pages and three quarters.*]

April 17. Burderop. 52. Sir William Calley to his cousin, Edward Nicholas. The writer's son rode to London last week, to see the duel [between Lord Reay and Ramsey], which being put off till 10 May, the writer thinks he will not stay long there. Begs Nicholas to call upon Richard Harvey for the money disbursed about the writer's parsonage. Understands a man of the writer's cousin, Edward Nicholas [spoken of as a different person to the Edward Nicholas addressed], has bought a purchase in their parish of about 1,100*l.* Complains that he was at Mr. Bond's, at Ogbourn, and never came near the writer. Love to his cousins, Edward Nicholas and Butterworth, and best wishes to the person addressed. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April 17. Bishops Castle. 53. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. State measures taken for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Clunn and Purslow. Wheat now at 4*s.* the bushel. [*One page. Received by the Sheriff on the* 25*th April inst.*]

April 17. Melton Mowbray. 54. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to Gregory Brokesby, the Sheriff. Similar return, omitting the prices of grain, for the hundred of Framland. [*One page.*]

April 18. 55. Petition of the Cardmakers of Rouen to the Council. Some of their Company having brought Rouen cards into England, find that such import is contrary to the regulations of the Council and the King's officers. Pray that they may have permission to import the same. The few persons who import cards not only defraud the customs, but ruin petitioners and a number of poor workmen. Fr. *Underwritten,*

55. I. *Reference to the French Company to certify the state of this business, the Lords not understanding how the bringing of foreign cards stands prohibited. Whitehall,* 1632, *April* 18.

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55. II. *Report in consequence of the above reference signed by Sir James Cambell, Marmaduke Rawdon, and five others. The officers of Customs in London refuse to take entries of foreign cards, pretending that the importation of them is prohibited. Conceive that such prohibition is contrary to the treaty between England and France, and very prejudicial to the King's subjects trading to France. Seizures of English cloth have been made at Rouen at the instance of the Cardmakers.* 1632, *June* 15. [*Petition and other papers one page.*]

April 18. 56. Anthony Wither, one of the Commissioners for reforming cloth-making, to the Council. Report of his proceedings since his complaint of the impediments cast in his way by Sir Edward Baynton. At Stroudwater, Nathaniel Stephens thwarted him by subtle interpretations of the clothing statutes, which made them useless and ineffectual, and at Bradford, he was cast into the Avon by the servants of Thomas Horne, a tucker, at a place where the river was 20 feet deep, to the imminent danger of his life. Points out various defects in the statutes which should be amended. [*One page and a half. Petitioner was directed to attend the Attorney General, and give him information of the practices to oppose his commission and drown the petitioner, and the Attorney General was to speak to the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, to proceed against the offenders on his circuit. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* vii., *p.* 519.]

April 18. Mitchell Dean. 57. Justices of Peace for co. Gloucester to the same. On rumour of a riot in the precincts of the Forest of Dean, they had caused certain persons to be indicted, but the jury having returned an ignoramus, they certify the circumstances to the Council. The parishioners of Newland repaired to church to hear divine service, without any expectation of meeting Mr. Rolls, Mr. Cowse, and the rest of their company. The only persons who had weapons were Henry Hawkins, the father, who had with him a hedge bill, and Christopher Hawkins, the son, "a stowe ball staff." Rolls and Cowse came to church armed ("as it seemeth for their defence,") with two pistols and one petronel, besides swords, the two pistols being discharged in the affray. The cause of the affray has not been discovered. Whether the undersort of people were provoked by seeing those two persons in the company of Rolls and Cowse, who had done the good service of apprehending him whom they called Skimmington, or by Rolls calling out, coming out of church, "Where are the Hawkinses, the rioters?" or what else, they could not discover. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

57. I. *List of Jury returned by Sir George Winter, Sheriff.* [*One page.*]

57. II. *Indictment against Henry Hawkins and Christopher Hawkins for riot and assault upon William Rolls, William Cowse, William Hamon, and James Phillip on* 8 *April inst.* [*One page.*]

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April 18. 58. John Griffith, Vice-Admiral of North Wales, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having been called upon for an account of his Vice-Admiralty, answerable to instructions inclosed, he replies that he had no instructions in the Duke's time, nor since; that he ever expected instructions, and determined never to make profit by sale of anything until warranted by the Court; that he has made annual returns to the Court; that his deputy, Henry Bodvell, is lately dead; and that if further accounts than those already returned are desired for the past, he must crave time to make them out. He will carefully perform their instructions in future. [*Two pages.*]

April 18. King's Lynn. 59. Mayor and others of King's Lynn to the same. In consequence of the letter of the Council, they had called before them Capt. Thomas March, late of the Fourth Whelp, who affirms that for the full time of that ship's absence, he paid the boatswain and gunner their full wages. He has taken a journey to attend their Honours for their more full satisfaction. [*One page.*]

April 18. St. John's, Lichfield. 60. Sir Simon Weston to Sec. Coke. His sole daughter has been married these 20 years to the Earl of Londonderry, in which time she has suffered very much. Appeals to him to support a petition on her behalf, which will be presented by the bearer to the Council. [*Half a page.*]

April 19. 61. Sir John Denham and Attorney General Noy to [the Council]. According to their order, have examined the case of George Gallop and Christopher Symcocks, detained in prison in co. Somerset, and find no cause but that they may be bailed. [*Half a page.*]

April 19. 62. Robert Wescombe to Nicholas. Is entreated by a friend to speak to Nicholas, for a copy of a reference from the Lords of the Admiralty, concerning the shipwrights. If he will direct any course therein, the writer will attend him. [*Quarter of a page.*]

April 20. 63. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. Certify that vagrants have been duly punished in the hundred of Condover. [*Three quarters of a page. Received by the Sheriff, 24th inst.*]

April 21. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty. Nicholas is to give notice to the gentlemen under mentioned to attend the Board on the 26th inst., to deliver their opinions concerning the cupplements and numbers of men allowed for manning each of his Majesty's ships. The names underwritten are Sir Robert Mansell, Sir Henry Mervyn, Sir Kenelm Digby, Sir Sackville Trevor, Sir Henry Mainwaring, Sir John Watts, Capt. Thomas Best, Capt. Rainsborough, and Capt. Henry Kyme. [*Copy. Half a page. Nicholas's Letter Book, p. 98. Nicholas has added that the appointment was put off until the next day.*]

April 21. 64. Petition of Pursers, Boatswains, Gunners, and all others employed in the Navy, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners are commanded continually to wait on board his Majesty's ships in

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their several offices, and ought to be free from all land watchings, wardings, serving as jurors, or doing other land service, yet many of petitioners are often warned to attend assizes and sessions, to serve as jurors, and to watch and ward, whereby they either incur their Lordships' displeasure, or are subject to indictment and distress. Pray redress. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April 21. 65. Petition of Thomas Norman, master of the Matthew, of London, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner is in custody on the complaint of Capt. Pennington, for not striking his flag at passing one of his Majesty's ships. Before he came to the King's ship, his flag was struck, but one of his boys hoisted it again without petitioner's knowledge, which, as soon as petitioner espied, he struck it again himself. Conceived the gun fired to be a farewell to their friend, who came from the King's ship, and was put on board petitioner's ship, to be landed at Gravesend. Expresses contrition, and prays discharge. [*Half a page.*]

April 21. 66. Petition of Theodore Gransin, of Lubeck, to Lord Treasurer Weston, and others, the Lords of the Admiralty. It is manifest that Henry Skipwith has appropriated the goods of petitioner, but being unable to recover the same, petitioner is about to return to his own country. Prays for assistance, to free him from the debts remaining upon him, on account of his law suits, and help him on his way to his home. Lat. [*One page. Nicholas has indorsed, "Lord Treasurer saith he hath given him 40l. out of the Ex-"chequer."*]

April 21. 67. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty, with some marginal notes of their decisions. Among them;—case of Thomas Norman [*Margin*, "discharged"]; whether the captains shall attend to deliver their opinions, concerning the numbers of men allowed to the King's ships [*Margin*, "This is resolved upon"]; warrants for sending for several persons about the complaints against Hilliard, the powder maker; to consider the Officers of the Navy's letters, concerning trees in New Forest, and East and West Beere [*Margin*, "Ordered a letter to "them."] [*One page.*]

April 22. The Convertive, in the Downs. 68. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Received their warrants respecting trawlers, French fishermen, and ships coming from any of the English plantations, all which he left in charge during his absence, and will now look to himself. Has had a tedious tempestuous passage, being forced to ride three days within sight of the Brill, by a strong wind from the north-west. On the 19th, put my Lady [Strange] and all her followers ashore, but it was the 20th at night before he could get all her baggage out of the ship. The Prince of Orange had not drawn into the field. Report that the King of Sweden had given another great defeat to Tilly, and had passed into Bavaria; 9,000 slain upon the spot, and Tilly himself escaped very hardly. Purposes to range the coast to the Land's End, to free it from pirates. [*One page.*]

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April 22. The Assurance, in the Downs. 69. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Sec. Coke. The small circuit of sea assigned him by Capt. Pennington from the Downs to Beachy has been thoroughly ranged. Had a great desire to go farther westwards, to suppress a Biscayner, and light upon Nutt before his protection came to him; but God forbid that out of a desire to do his Majesty service, he should transgress in the first point of discipline, obedience. Some ships should be speedily sent to the Land's End, and as the sailors term it, the Chaps of the Channel. Great abuse of the press-masters; of all returned by them not above 40 appeared, and of these they were forced to discharge all but three. The rest he thinks were not *in rerum naturâ*, certainly none of them *inventi sunt in balliva nostra*. The Scot, which intercepted Hamburghers, is gone to the northwards; Capt. Stradling to the Isle of Wight. The French fishers left the coast 14 days since, and will hardly adventure any more this year. Was ashamed to take his leave of him, when he left London. Sir Robert Pye put him off from day to day, till he found he had stayed too long. [*Two pages.*]

April 22. 70. Note of distribution of 8*l.*, given to the servants of Archbishop Abbot, by Archbishop Neile, of York, on his translation from Winchester. From the indorsement, it appears that there was no dinner on the translation, but that it was celebrated in the chapel at Lambeth, on 19 March 1632. [*One page.*]

April 22. May 2. St. Sebastian. 71. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Thanks for various presents. Is much obliged for the dog; wishes a couple more. Let them be good at the bull, and cost what they will, but let them be fair and good curs. They are not for himself, but for friends; he has other employments. Procure them at the Bear Garden; they are better esteemed, and go farther than a greater present. Hopes times will better now the Plate fleet is arrived at Cadiz, 43 sail, and very rich. The amount entered in the Custom-house is 8,211,683 rials of eight. [*Two pages.*]

April 23. Bristol. 72. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. On the 21st inst. the purser of the Ninth Whelp came to the writer and told him that he had brought over the money for trimming the two ships, respecting which Kitchen had before written. Hoped a shipwright would have been sent down, but as there will be great use of a guard in the Channel and the coast of Ireland, Kitchen has received part of the money and has set on workmen on both ships. One of the gunners will come up to get his stores out of the Tower, with which they have never meddled at Bristol. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April 23. 73. Paper indorsed "From Sir John North about prizes." It is the statement of a case for procuring a legal opinion, the point being, what is the offence of A. B., who sets out three ships to sea, each entitled the Red Lion, under one letter of marque granted to a ship of that name? [*One page.*]

April 23. 74. Receipt by Dr. William Juxon for 74*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, paid by Bishop Laud towards his buildings in St. John's College, Oxford. [***Half a page.***]

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April 24. Whitehall. 75. The King to George Viscount Duplin, Lord Chancellor of Scotland. The King has written several times that payment might be made to Lord Gordon of his precept for 5,000*l.*, for surrendering his heritable offices of Sheriffship to the Crown. He being engaged in levying and transporting into France gensdarmes for the service of the French King, the person addressed is recommended to use his best endeavours for speedy payment, and if need be that he should deal with William Dick to desist from troubling Lord Gordon or his sureties till Martinmas. [*One page.*]

April 24. Rederith. [Rotherhithe.] 76. Thomas Gataker to Dr. [Thomas?] Rives. Returns a theological book written by a Presbyterian author, with some comments on the inferences drawn from various texts; and especially on Mark x. 42, in reference to which the writer submits his own exposition of the Saviour's meaning. The book commented upon consisted probably of annotations upon the New Testament, or some part of it. [*One page.*]

April 24. 77. Account of assessment of one fifteen upon the parish of St. Stephen, Walbrook. The highest sums stated are, Mr. Hodges, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, Capt. Henry Andrews, 1*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*, Arthur Juxson and Company, 13*s.* 4*d.*; the number of persons assessed is 30; the total amount 6*l.* 19*s.* 8*d.* Two fifteens were to be gathered for repairing Newgate. [*One page.*]

[April 24?] 78. Account of a similar assessment upon the parish of St. Mary Bothaw. The largest amounts are, Robert Hudson, 4*s.* 4*d.*; Thomas Mann, 4*s.* 2*d.*; the number of persons assessed is 20; the total amount raised, 3*l.* 1*s.* [*One page.*]

April 25. Whitehall. Order of Commissioners for pious uses. On pulling down the houses near the west end of St. Paul's, the entrance made on the south side, which before was covered with the houses, is very uncomely, "being neither made straight against the church door, and "covered over the head very undecently." The churchwardens of that parish are to take order for a new gate to be made right against the south door of the church. [*Three quarters of a page. Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 20.]

April 26. The Convertive, in the Downs. 79. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. A report that there are ten sail of Turks men-of-war lying off the Land's End has caused him suddenly to set sail. As soon as he has freed the coast of them he shall return hither. In the meantime letters to be directed to Plymouth. Sends note of the names of owners of four trawls taken away. The French fishermen have left our coast, never fishing on it but between Michaelmas and Easter; neither do the Rye, Hastings, or "Bright-hempson" men use any more trawls. [*One page.*]

April 26. Worlton. 80. Sir Thomas Button to the same. After his Majesty's departure for Newmarket, and all their Lordships leaving the town, and after his 24 weeks' attendance, when he could not get any penny of the great sum due to him, to pay what he owes, nor

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of the 358*l.* ordered him by their Lordships for payment of arrears due from him for nonpayment of consideration money upon his mortgaged estate, and withall sickness and much shortness of money growing upon him, he was enforced to get to his poor home. On his way back to London his sickness has so much increased that he is not able to hold on his journey. Hears they intend to send a better guard for Ireland and the western parts than has formerly been, and hopes shortly to be able to perform his duty in what they shall intrust to him. Begs an order to fit out the Whelps at Bristol, for to his knowledge there are two or three men-of-war now on the coast of Ireland and the Severn. One of them has been in the river of Milford and did some harm. Recommends Capt. Thomas as an honest man, and thinks it very improbable that Nutt having had "her" so long in his hands should leave things of so great value in her. [*Two pages.*]

April 26. Worlton. 81. Sir Thomas Button to Nicholas. His journey home of 200 miles increased his indisposition, which was further added to by an attempt to do some service on a pirate, which lay ten days in the harbour of Milford Haven, and now on his return is taken seriously ill at his mother's. Sends up the bearer to let the Lords know the cause of his stay. All his desire is to depart the world with the reputation of an honest man, and a disengaged man in his estate. The ambition of the times is far from him. Begs to be commended to Jack Pennington, to whom he is more bound for his love than to any other friend he has. The writer begs to know how he stands with the Lords, and how they intend to dispose of the ships that are to go out. [*One page.*]

April 26. The Downs. 82. Capt. Henry Stradling to Sec. Coke. Received his letter inclosing one for the captain of a Scotch ship, which he has been unable to deliver on account of contrary winds and foul weather. On his Admiral's return from Holland, he acquainted him, as he did also Sir Edward Dering, with the contents of his letter. The writer's gunner having leave before Easter to go to Chatham for three days has not since returned. Has provided another, and begs he may stand during this employment. [*One page. It appears from Sec. Coke's indorsement that the gunner was suspended, at least for this voyage.*]

April 26. Derby House. 83. James Lord Strange to Capt. John Pennington. Feared bad news, for nor wind nor weather was favourable, but his care prevailed above any storms. The writer's wife desires him again to thank Pennington. He is an affectionate friend to do him service. [*One page.*]

April 26. St. John's, London. 84. William Earl of Exeter to Sir William Becher. The Mayor of Northampton has conformed himself to the warrant for raising money for the musters, and has paid the amount with which the town was charged. Prays he may be discharged from attendance. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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April 26. 85. Account by Peter Pett of the number of trees marked in Stow-wood and Shotover. [*Two pages.*]

April 27. London. Certificate of Sir John Borough, Norroy, that John Hull, son of Robert Hull, was descended from the ancient family of the Hulls, of co. York, and was entitled to bear certain arms. [*Copy. See* DOMESTIC, JAMES I., *Vol.* clix., *No.* 34.]

April 27. Whitehall. 86. Order of Council on hearing a petition of Dr. Bancroft, referred to them by his Majesty, concerning the bailing of Sir Edward Heron by insufficient bail, and the conduct of Lord Chief Justice Richardson in relation thereto. The matter respecting Dr. Bancroft and Sir John Brooke, who offered on behalf of Sir Edward Heron that he would surrender himself, so that he and his bail might be discharged from all penalties, was referred to the Attorney General; as respecting the Lord Chief Justice, after examination of the facts, the Council found him not to have done anything wilfully or corruptly, and that consequently there was no cause to charge him with the debt; which opinion being reported to his Majesty, was confirmed by him. [*One page and three quarters.*]

[April 27.] 87. Extract, not quite verbatim, from the preceding order, containing so much of it as relates to Dr. Bancroft, dated April 25. [*Half a page.*]

April 27. 88. Justices of Peace for co. Herts to the Council. Report their proceedings in the administration of laws for relief of the poor in the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey. [*One page.*]

April 27. Whitehall. Order of Commissioners for pious uses. The sub-committee appointed to compound with persons having buildings adjoining St. Paul's are to call before them all persons having interests in the buildings from the great south gate towards the east end (the names they shall receive from the Bishop of London), and to compound with them, so that their houses may be pulled down before the feast of St. John Baptist. [*One page and a half. Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 20 *a.*]

April 27. 89. Sir Robert Lee to Edward Reed. Thanks for good advice given to the writer's son, who persists in his resolution to go to Ireland. Hopes Lord Conway will use him in other sort than according to his demerits. Wishes him to have plain and fitting necessaries, and the writer will arrange with his son Elwes to pay for him to George Rawden, or any one else my Lord will appoint, fifty shillings per month. [*Two pages.*]

April 27. 90. Certificate of Peter Pett of the trees marked in the New Forest and in the forests of East Beere, Shotover, and Stow-wood. [*Three pages.*]

April 27. 91. Copy of the same. [*Three pages.*]

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April 27. 92. Estimate by Peter Pett of what three-foot treenails the New Forest, East Beare, and Shotover will produce. [*One page.*]

April 27. 93. Copy of the same. [*Half a page.*]

April 28. 94. Petition of John Hartridge to the Council. Petitioner had a reference from his Majesty to Sir Hugh Hammersley, and others, Aldermen of London, to make a charitable agreement with his creditors. Eight of them have compounded. Only Mr. Brinion, in Cheapside, will either have his present money, or cast petitioner into prison. Prays them to call Mr. Brinion before them. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

94. I. *Sir Hugh Hammersley and Ralph Freeman to the King. Certificate confirmatory of the statements in the preceding petition.* 1632, *April* 28. [*One page.*]

April 28. 95. Henry Alleyn to Sec. Coke. Has attended a week, and made ready his fuller answers. There is an Ecclesiastical Court at Northampton on the last of this month, and another at Oundle on 3 May. Notwithstanding this sore travel, has determined to attend his client's causes at these Courts, and then to return, and craves allowance of his absence. [*Half a page.*]

April 28. 96. Petition of William Crampton to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioner by the late Lord Admiral was appointed master cook of the Triumph. She being laid up at Portsmouth, and his wife and children living at Deal, he prays warrant for putting Phineas Eddey in his place. [*Half a page. Indorsed by Nicholas, "If the "petitioner will leave his place, their Lordships will put one in "his room."*]

April 28. 97. Petition of Capt. Luke Fox to the same. On a former petition for satisfaction, for his long attendance in keeping the Charles pinnace, the Lords desired Sir John Wolstenholme to give petitioner just satisfaction, his Majesty having bestowed the pinnace on him. Sir John Wolstenholme answered petitioner, that he was a great deal more money out for the North-west voyage, and until his Majesty paid him, he could not pay petitioner. Prays relief. [*Three quarters of a page. Nicholas has indorsed, "I am to speak with Sir John Wolstenholme about this."*]

April 28. 98. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty, with marginal notes of some of their orders. Amongst other things;—What shall be done touching Mr. Carew and his wife, for refusal to deliver to Commissioners appointed by the Court of Admiralty a quantity of ambergris, taken up in the Vice-Admiralty of South Cornwall [*Margin,* "Reference to Mr. Attorney"]; answer to Capt. Pennington's letter; consider Order of Council for strengthening guard of the Irish coast; Sir Philip Carteret's request for a Whelp to transport him, and to ply about the isles of Guernsey and Jersey [*Margin,* "ordered"]; petition of Crampton and of Clarke [*Margin,* "*Non fiat.*"] [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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April 28. Purbeck. 99. Giles Grene to Nicholas. Intreats on behalf of his friend and kinsman, Captain Deane, that he, having with some hazard to his person, brought into Weymouth harbour a Biscayan pirate, by virtue of an old commission granted by the Duke of Buckingham for suppressing pirates, the Lords of the Admiralty would confirm the reward, which is assured him by the commission. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April 28. Taunton. 100. Mayor and another of Taunton to Thomas Luttrell, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Certify the prices of corn in Taunton market this day; wheat, 5*s.* per bushel. [*Half a page.*]

April 29. 101. Paper "concerning the toleration for stretching of cloth," stated in the indorsement of Sec. Coke to have been delivered by [Anthony] Wither this day. It sets forth the evils which result from toleration of the practice of stretching cloth, in opposition to the provisions of the statute, and suggests various regulations by way of remedy. [*One page and a quarter.*]

April 30. Bristol. 102. William Brooke, master of the Ninth Whelp, to Sec. Coke. Mr. Kitchen has received four hundred and odd pounds to fit the ships at Bristol for six months, which will fall far short of the amount required. Desires him to take order for another six months' money, of which the Lords of Ireland know the necessity. [*One page.*]

April 30. 103. Acquittance of Richard Cox for 6*l.* received from Nicholas, for a debt of William Hunton. [*Quarter of a page.*]

April. 104. Petition of John Moorecock, late boatswain of the St. Claude, to Lord Treasurer Weston. His late place was confirmed upon him by warrant from the Earls of Lindsey and Dorset, and Viscount Dorchester; but the St. Claude being otherwise disposed of to the Lord Treasurer, petitioner is outed of his place. Prays for the next boatswain's place that shall fall void. [*Half a page.*]

April. 105. Petition of Robert Chamberlain, late gunner of the St. Claude, to the same. Petitioner had been gunner in the George, drumbler, which was sold, afterwards in the Sea Horse, which was lent to Capt. Quaile, and late in the St. Claude, which is delivered to the person addressed. Prays to be appointed gunner to one of the ships now building. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April. Ragley. 106. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Sends up the coach mare. States terms of agreement entered into by the writer with Mr. Bridges, on behalf of Lord Brooke. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

April. 107. Paper of legal memoranda, entered upon what was originally a fly leaf of a book. It contains note of a bill of costs against a Mr. Moore; condition of a bond to levy a fine, and note of the quantity of land comprised in a hide. [*One page and three quarters.*]

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April. 108. List of his Majesty's ships, signed by the Officers of the Navy. It states the name, dimensions, tonnage, number of crew, and each ship's ordnance. Nicholas sums up the results as follows: 26 ships of war, 8 Whelps, pinnaces, &c., and 7 small vessels; total, 41. [*One page.*]

April. 109. Copy of the same. [*One page.*]

April. 110. List of defaulters at musters, in various hundreds in Essex, with certain of them indicated as "Refractory." Total number, 35. [*One page and three quarters.*]

[April ?] 111. Sir John Gore and eight others, Aldermen and Commoners of London, to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen. According to an order of the 6th of April instant, the undersigned have made trial of a sort of white soap. With much labour it will wash coarse linen, if it be used by skilful washers, as well as the best sort of ordinary soft soap; but for goodness, sweetness, and merchantableness, it is far inferior to the best soft soap, and not so fit to be used for washing fine linen. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[April ?] 112. Petition of William Salter to the Council. On the complaint of John Balguy, deputy Recorder of Stamford, petitioner was committed to the Fleet. Is heartily sorry for his offence, and has made his humble petition to the Earl of Exeter, testifying his penitency, and his willingness to give such satisfaction to Mr. Balguy as the Earl shall think fit. Petitioner is aged and infirm, with a great charge of children. Prays to be released. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[April ?] 113. Petition of Rowland Jennings, warden, and the petty canons of St. Paul's Church, to the Commissioners for repair of St. Paul's. The warden and petty canons were made a college in the 18th year of Richard II., and their dwelling-houses confirmed to them by several subsequent princes. Having three tenements at the west end of St Gregory's parish church, two in possession of John Lewgar, and one of [William] Eaton, to whom the Commissioners are about to give consideration, before demolishing their tenements, petitioners pray that their case may be considered and their loss repaired. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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May 1. 1. Sir George Vernon and Sir James Weston to the Council. Report on a petition of John Hancock, Joseph Mustian, and John Carpenter, late constables of Southwark. The constables having warrant to apprehend Robert Wright, entered his house, and locked up his goods for his Majesty's use, in case he had been convicted,

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and afterwards delivered the same over to Davison, bailiff of the Bishop of Winchester. Afterwards, Wright obtained a pardon, and brought his action of trespass against the constables, and recovered 128*l.* 17*s.* against them and the balliff. The writers conceive it just that Wright should have the fruit of his action. [*One page.*]

May 1. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. Thomas Austen. Instructions to him as Captain and Master of the pinnace, the Henrietta, employed to guard the rivers Thames and Medway. [*See Vol.* clvii., *p.* 118. *Two pages.*]

May 1. 2. Petition of Robert Chamberlaine, gunner, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Similar to the petition to the Lord Treasurer, *Vol.* ccxv., *No.* 105. [*Half a page.*]

May 1. Bristol. 3. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. Insufficiency of the sum remitted from Ireland. Will finish the carpentry, and if he has no further order for more moneys, will make up his account, and deliver up the remains of moneys in his hands to whom the Lords shall appoint. Has received 200*l.*, and is promised more as soon as he shall have need of it. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

May 1. 4. Rule of Court for hearing counsel for the defendant in the cause of Walker *versus* Lambe, knight, on Tuesday next after five weeks of Easter. [*Quarter of a page. Dated on Wednesday next after one month of Easter.*]

May 1. Whitehall. 5. Thomas Lermy to Sir Henry Vane. Fragment of a letter. The Countess of Buckingham died yesterday morning, and has divided her estate in land between Lord Fielding and her son Anglesey's children. It is not so great as was believed. They say not above 1,000*l.* a year. Lady Carlisle is firm to her principles, and lives just as when Sir Henry was in England; if any change, it is to less attendance. Between her and Mrs. Crofts there is a great coolness in friendship, but they are both so wise as they would rather have it thought *desuetudo* than *malitia*. Offers his services to Sir Henry. [*Two pages.*]

May 1. Indenture between Ellis Hickes, William Hickes, Samuel Hickes, and Richard Wind, of the one part, and Henry Hurlock, of the other part, whereby a messuage in Old Fish Street, in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen's, was demised to Henry Hurlock for 21 years. [*Case B., Car. I., No.* 8.]

May 2. Whitehall. 6. Sir John Suckling to [Sir Henry Vane]. Wrote to him from Dover by way of Antwerp. On Tuesday arrived in Court, and found the face of it extremely changed, looking asquint upon Sir Henry in Germany, and upon all who were sent from thence. Presented first his packet to the Lord Treasurer, and the taking of Donauworth, who both to the bearer and the news showed indifference, cool, if not cold. From thence he went to the King, who was well content the King of Sweden was still victorious, but took it not so hot as those

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of France, nor did he at first conceive it of so great importance. The bedchamber men were there, and the King spoke loud; that little, therefore, the writer had to say to him specially, the writer reserved for a more private audience. Having seen Lord Middlesex, and spoken with Sir Henry's son, before he went again to the King, he waited on the Lord Treasurer, and informed him what he was to speak to the King, and submitted himself to his disposal. Upon which he embraced the writer, and presented him to the King, who was much better satisfied than on his first interview. He questioned the writer much, and about many things, but seemed to refer to the Lord Treasurer. The disposal of the cofferer's place makes the world think that there is some staggering in the friendship between the Lord Treasurer and Sir Henry, and those that are of Sir Thomas Roe's cabinet would persuade that Sir Henry is sent over to undo the affairs of the King of Sweden and his own. If so, the causes are, 1, his greatness with the Lord Marquis; 2, his too lively representations, making the King of Sweden outweigh the Emperor; 3, the women take it ill that his son should be a statesmen before theirs; 4, the writer suspects ill-behaviour of Sir Henry's clerks. Wishes for his speedy return home. [*Four pages, partly in cypher, which is deciphered.*]

May 2. 7. Account of moneys due to Capt. Luke Fox, and two servants, for keeping the pinnace Charles, from the date of his Majesty's privy seal to this present, with wages for the boatswain and gunner. Total, 160*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

May 3. London. 8. Jerome Weston to [Sir Henry Vane]. The expedition Mr. Vane makes, after his six months' stay in England, is the writer's excuse for a short letter. The King has appointed the writer to serve him in Savoy, where he hopes to receive Sir Henry's advice and commands. [*One page.*]

May 3. Chatham. 9. Thomas Cooke to Richard Hals. Received his letter, and one from Sir Henry Palmer, desiring to be informed of such men as have molested them. The Sheriff's bailiffs have been in the dockyard at Chatham, and have threatened some of them to carry them away to prison, showing them a warrant in Latin. Mr. Boate will justify that he has twice given the Clerk of the Assize 6*s.* 8*d.*, as likewise Mr. Lawrence, the storekeeper. Will inclose the names of those who are threatened. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Inclosed,*

9. I. *John Eldred, Clerk of Assize, to Bayly* [*Bailiff*] *Godfrey. Warrant to forbear to distrain upon Mr. Edward Boate, at Chatham, he having been discharged at the assizes as a special officer to his Majesty.* 1632, *Feb.* 2. *Copy, with memorandum of Boate that he paid* 6*s.* 8*d. to the Clerk of the Assize on two several occasions.* [*Half a page.*]

May 4. 10. Petition of William Salter to the Council. Was by late order to stand committed to the Fleet until he made such submission as the Earl of Exeter should think fit. Has humbly submitted himself

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to the Earl, but the Earl tells him the power to discharge him rests in the Board. Prays order for his discharge. [*One page. Discharge ordered this day. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 14.]

May 4. 11. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend that Thomas Duck should succeed, as Master Caulker of the Navy, to his father David Duck, who lies dangerously sick. [*One page.*]

May 4. 12. The same to the same. On information given by Captain Stradling of the negligence of his gunner, the writers find no cause for his absenting himself, but the extreme sickness of his wife and hazard of all his goods. Have sent to the Captain to continue his substitute, and for the final displacing of the other, leave it to their Lordships. [*One page.*]

May 4. Office of Ordnance. 13. Officers of the Ordnance to [the same]. Find that on two several occasions in 1616 and 1628, pieces of unserviceable brass ordnance were received from the late Earl of Pembroke, Governor of Portsmouth, and were delivered on 21 Feb. 1629 to Thomas Pitt and Richard Pitt, brass-founders, to be new cast. [*One page.*]

May 4. 14. Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to [Sir Henry Vane]. When he fails to write to Sir Henry, it is because he knows not of the messenger's going. Sir Henry will find himself very well with Sec. Coke, and have from him clear and direct instructions; certainly he is an honest and able man. Offers his own services. [*One page.*]

May 4. Carlton. 15. Stephen Foster to Sir Philiberto Vernatti. Reports the state of his horses and lands, and requests directions. The horses which came from Holland were delivered at York to the Lord President's steward on 2 May. They are seven of the finest horses for shape and colour, and so suitable that the like are not this day in any one man's hand in England. [*One page.*]

May 4? Gillmorton. 16. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate of the presentations made to them by constables and overseers within the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*One page.*]

May 4. 17. Note that surveys of certain principal ships of the Navy were this day delivered to Sir Kenelm Digby, with his receipt. [*Half a page.*]

May 4. 18. Note of five trawls taken by Capt. Austen, with the names of the owners. [*Received by Nicholas this day. Three quarters of a page.*]

[May 4] 19. Account of fees probably paid at the Exchequer on the issue of certain sums principally to persons on foreign service between 16 December 1631 and the 3 May. Among the sums mentioned are the Duke of Lennox 1,000*l.*, Mr. Gerbier 786*l.*,

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Viscount Falkland 200*l.*, Marquis of Hamilton 2,000*l.*, SirHenry Vane 1,000*l.*, 979*l.*, and 400*l.*, Henry De Vic 151*l.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

May 5. Whitehall. 20. The Council to all Mayors, Justices, &c. Warrant of assistance to Thomas Thornhill, authorized for the sole making of saltpetre in London and Westminster. [*One page.*]

[May 5?] 21. Petition of William Willoughby, one of the Purveyors for the Navy, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Being employed in the Forests of Shotover and Stow-wood, cannot proceed in his employment by reason of the disturbance of Sir Timothy Tyrrell. Sets forth Sir Timothy's scandalous speeches and accusations. He and his servants live upon the ruin and destruction of the Forest, and Sir Timothy, who has procured a warrant from Lord Holland for staying the 1,500 trees which petitioner must have for the use of the Navy, is so ireful with petitioner that he stands in fear of his life. Prays that either he may be freed from the employment, or be permitted to go forward without disturbance. [*One page.*]

May 5. 22. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. Letter of Kitchen about the ships at Bristol; Bassett's letter; charges presented to Officers of Navy by Capt. Pett, Capt. Dymes's petition; the Council's order for increase of guard for the Irish coast; letter from the Earl of Bridgewater touching the intentions of the Turks on that country [Wales, Glamorgan, and Monmouth], of which the Earl was Lord Lieutenant; Sir Francis Stewart, Richard King; Mr. Willoughby, attends their pleasure; Mr. Smith's petition. [*One page.*]

May 5. 23. B. Josendo to his brother Ambrose B. [probably an intercepted letter between Roman Catholics, who corresponded under assumed names.] Report of good fortune befallen the person addressed. Anxiety of the writer to have the spiritual assistance of the same person. Hoped to have had some vacant time to negotiate his soul's salvation, but has scarce time to breathe. [*One page.*]

May 5. 24. Account of payments ordered to be made out of anticipated receipts of the revenue; total, 209,409*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* [*Three pages.*]

May 7. Mitton. 25. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Will be at Ragley when the nurse is there, and perform his pleasure. Solicits directions respecting a house kept for Mrs. Wright; about Lady Huncks's house, and the wood for Lady Conway. [*One page.*]

May 7. Mitton. 26. The same to George Rawden. Further particulars upon the subjects mentioned in the last letter, and other points in relation to the management of Lord Conway's estates in co. Warwick. [*One page.*]

May 7. Chatham. 27. Certificate of sums paid by officers of the King to the Clerk of the Assize, to escape being presented for not watching and warding. [*One page.*]

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May 7. Office of Ordnance. 28. Account of brass ordnance fit to be newly cast. Total weight, 128 tons, 5 cwts., 3 quarters, 12 lbs. The two founders can cast yearly in demy cannon and culverins 10 tons, or in demy culverins and sakers but 8 tons. The one proportion will cost yearly 233*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, the other but 186*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*One page.*]

May 7. 29. Duplicate of the same account. [*One page.*]

May 7. Drayton. 30. Mary Rives to her brother Edward Nicholas. Begs him to buy Drayton of her cousin Young, that Mr. Sheriff may have it, who will let her have a lease of as much as she can buy, for three lives. It is a great grief not only to lose so good a husband, but to lose him and the place on which they have bestowed so much money, and enjoyed it so short a time. [*Two pages.*]

May 8. 31. Petition of Richard Thomas, gunner of the Tenth Whelp, to the Council. By reason of his wife's extreme sickness was absent when his ship went to sea. Rode twice to the Downs, but was left behind. Prays a favourable consideration of his fault. [*Half a page.*]

May 8. Westminster. 32. Edward Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. His proposition touching the number of his men is referred to the consideration of Sir Robert Mansell and all the captains of note about town, and likewise to the Trinity House, who are to set down what is a fit cupplement of men for each of the King's ships, and within 14 days to deliver their opinion to the King and Lords. If the Turks are gone to Ireland or Wales, he should advertise the state thereof. Continued victories of the King of Sweden; capture of Augsburg, defeat of Tilly, and compelling the Duke of Bavaria to fly out of his own country; defeat of Spaniards in their entry into the Palatinate. Army raising in France intended to invade Flanders simultaneously with the Hollanders. The King and Queen go to Greenwich to-morrow. The Countess of Buckingham, "mother to my dear lord "and master," died a fortnight since, and was buried in Westminster Abbey. Mr. Crofts, who went as a captain with the Marquis of Hamilton, has in a duel slain Sandy Hamilton, who was the Marquis's beloved Colonel. The Earl of Leicester goes Ambassador to Denmark, Mr. Jerome Weston to Savoy, and some say, the Earl of Bristol, Ambassador Extraordinary to the King of Sweden. [*One page.*]

May 9. Whitehall. 33. Order of Council. By orders of 21 December and 18 April last Mr. Attorney General was directed to examine Sir Edward Baynton, Thomas Hubbert, and others, concerning oppositions and combinations made against the commission for true making of cloth, and a practice to have drowned Anthony Wither, one of the Commissioners. On further consideration, this business being found to be a high nature, it is ordered that Anthony Wither be sent for, to repair hither for the prosecution of the same. [*One page. Wither*

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appeared on the 16th inst., and was ordered to pursue the information in the Star Chamber against Sir Edward Baynton and others, which he undertook to do. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol. viii., *p.* 37.]

May 9. Whitehall. 34. Cornelius Holland to Sir Henry Vane. Since Mr. Vane's going hence there have been new propositions made by the officers and Mr. Cofferer that the business of the cofferer's office might go on upon Sir Henry's charge alone till Michaelmas. Holland replied that he could not give any answer without acquainting Sir Henry. Mr. Murray has promised to ascertain the King's pleasure on the subject. He says that the King's resolutions in general are to have business go on as it did till Sir Henry's return. [*Two pages.*]

May 9. 35. H. Wat. [?] to S. Skelton. Was last year solicited to reprint the pamphlet he heretofore set out for the satisfaction of some who, by reason of the mischance the writer had in the sending, could not get copies. Undertaking the task, he has added to it so as to make it a sum of controversies, and is now again in pain to be delivered of the burden, but finds no means as yet. The way to London is hard, so that hitherto he has not been able to send any at all. Requests the person addressed to say whether he might send any to the place where he is, from thence to be sent to London, or dispersed in the countries thereabouts. Suggests the sending some to Calais or Dunkirk, where the person addressed might appoint a skipper to call for them. It may be there are some in those parts who deal in such commodities. [*One page.*]

May 9. Order of the Commissioners for Pious Uses. Elizabeth Porter, widow, lately enjoined to demolish a house near the west gate of St. Paul's, having left two cellars and a vault in a state both dangerous and offensive, she is ordered to cause the vault to be cleansed, and the whole to be levelled. [*Three quarters of page. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 22.]

May 9. 36. Rule of Court for further hearing of counsel for the defendant in the cause of Walker *versus* Lambe, knight, on Saturday next after the Morrow of the Ascension. [*Quarter of a page. Dated on Wednesday next after five weeks of Easter.*]

May 10. The Convertive, Plymouth Sound. 37. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has ranged our coast to and again as high as the Land's End, and found it free from all pirates, neither can he find that there have been any such on our coast this year. Has just received their letter of the 5th instant and sent away the Second Lion's Whelp, commanded by Capt. Simon Digby, for Jersey and Guernsey, for clearing those parts of pirates. Incloses copy of the warrant given to him. Purposes to direct Capt. Plumleigh to ply to and again on these western parts, and himself with the Tenth Whelp to return to the Downs. The French have six ships and pinnaces in the Bay of Biscay and five more making ready at Morbihan to go to the river of Canada. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

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37. 1. *Capt. John Pennington to Capt. Simon Digby, of the Second Lion's Whelp. Instructions to stand away for Jersey and Guernsey, to communicate with the Governors, and pursue and destroy all pirates, and afterwards to return to the Downs. Plymouth Sound,* 1632, *May* 10. [*One page.*]

May 10. Drayton. 38. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Salop of vagrants punished within five of the allotments of the North part of the hundred of Bradford. [*One page. Received* 2 *Oct.* 1632.]

May 11. Whitehall. Commissioners for Pious Uses to Lord Keeper Coventry. Commissions having been awarded to the City of London and the counties of Middlesex, Essex, and Hertford, for collections for repairs of St. Paul's, but it being found necessary to have a greater number of Commissioners, he is prayed to renew the Commissions accordingly, and to give power for any two or more Commissioners to proceed therein. [*Half a page. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 22 *a.*]

May 11. 39. Sir Robert Mansell, Sir Sackville Trevor, Sir Henry Palmer, Sir Henry Mervyn, and Capt. Phineas Pett, to Nicholas. They cannot give an exact account of the numbers of men to be appointed to his Majesty's ships before they measure the same ships and know their just proportions. The King gives allowance thereunto. They desire Nicholas forthwith to move the Lords of the Admiralty for their warrant for that purpose. [*One page.*]

May 11. Deptford. 40. Kenrick Edisbury to the same. Waited on Sec. Coke yesterday to know his pleasure touching moneys for furnishing the two Whelps now at Bristol, the money sent from Ireland not being enough. The Sec. advised that the Officers should write to Mr. Kitchen to proceed so far as he has money, and to engage himself for the cost belonging to this office at Bristol, and upon certificate of the charge the Lords would write to Ireland to pay the surplusage. The Officers of the Navy must have an account of Mr. Kitchen's demands before they can return the advertisement to the Lords required by their late warrant. Sec. Coke also advised the petitioners who are in danger about killing the Lieutenant of Dungannon Castle to petition the Lords of the Admiralty, and he would further them. Being at Portsmouth he took some remembrances which he has sent to the Officers of the Navy. Three of them must have being from the Lords. [*One page. Signature cut off.*] *Inclosed,*

40. 1. *Remembrances taken by Kenrick Edisbury, at Portsmouth, principally of repairs and provisions needed there.* 1632, *May* 4. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

May 11. Whitehall. 41. H. Cogan to Sir Henry Vane. Mr. Harry Vane set sail at Dover on Sunday last, the 6th inst., and the same afternoon landed at Calais, where Mr. Browne coming from Sir Isaac Wake, met with him and Sir Jacob Ashley. The King and Queen went

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on Tuesday last to Greenwich, where it is thought they will remain until the progress, which will be westward to Salisbury and Beaulieu. Lieut. Col. Muschamp's money is not dispatched. On an interview with the Lord Treasurer he desired him to have patience but till the end of the week. Hopes the promise will be made good, for the gentleman is on his departure. After that is paid will procure bills of exchange for Sir Henry. Calandrini has paid to Dike of Edinburgh, for Sir John Hesburne [Hepburn], 2,500*l.* [*One page.* "*Received at Augsburg.*"]

May 12. 42. Solicitor General Shilton [Sheldon] and Serjeant Robert Barkeley [to the Council]. Have taken examinations of Mr. Weedon, Henry Turnor, Walter Penn, William Derry, and John Robinson. The first four may for the present be discharged, but for John Robinson they conceive it may be fit to exhibit an information against him in the Star Chamber, and against others expressed in his examination to be rioters as well as himself. [*Three quarters of a page. Weedon, Turnor, Penn, and Derry were discharged on bond on the 25th inst. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 47.]

May 12. 43. Copy of the same. [*One page.*]

May 12. 44. Appointment by Attorney General Noy for Sir Timothy Tyrrell to be at his chambers in Lincoln's Inn on Monday next. [*Quarter of a page. Written on the fly leaf, probably of an order of reference addressed to the Attorney General. On the same sheet also, it would seem by Nicholas's indorsement, was written a report of the Attorney General on the validity of Sir Timothy Tyrrell's patent under which he claimed top and lop of trees felled in Shotover and Stow-wood, for the King's service.*]

May 13. Longstanton. 45. Justices of Peace for co. Cambridge to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Chesterton, Papworth, and North Stowe. [*One page.*]

May 13. 46. List of trawls captured by Capt. Simon Digby on 21st and 24th April 1632. [*Half a page. Indorsed by Nicholas as received this day.*]

May 14. Bristol. 47. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. Has written to the Officers of the Navy of his further proceedings, and desiring certain supplies. The careening of the Ninth Whelp was finished on the 12th inst.; and now her ballast shall be got in, the ordnance put aboard, and the ship rigged with all expedition. This day they begin with the Fifth Whelp. Hopes in twenty days to have near done with them. Cannot yet set down the charge. Capt. Hooke desires the Fifth Whelp's forecastle to be raised, and to have murderers for his better defence. He will not meddle with this unless ordered by the Officers. Is entreated by Brooke, master of the Ninth Whelp, to state that he wrote lately to Sec. Coke of the ill manning of that ship with gentlemen and idlers. Desires a warrant for their discharge, and to press sufficient seamen. [*One page.*]

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May 14. Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

48. Extract from the proceedings of the Mayor and others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, as Commissioners for Conservancy of the Tyne, that a presentment was this day made against Paul Dod, master of the White Lion, of London, for casting sandy ballast at the new ballast quay at Shields. [*Half a page.*]

May 15. The Assurance, in Plymouth Sound.

49. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to [Sec. Coke]. Found the people of those parts extremely affrighted with the Turks, but without any ground. The report grew of the landing of certain rogues, Biscayners and English, which were forced on shore at Seaton by a Dutch man-of-war, and came armed up into the country. Sends him a relation of that incident directed to the writer by a friend. The French have seized 13 pataches of Bicayners, and sent the men to Rennes, in Britanny, where they were all executed, *sans exception*. By negligence of the carpenters at Chatham, and want of care in surveying, they were forced to put into Falmouth to clap on three fishes to make their mainmast serviceable. Hitherto has handled the Assurance indifferently well with the men allowed her, but fears the winter will put them to their Easter book. [*One page.*]

May 15. The Assurance, in Plymouth Sound.

50. The same to Nicholas. They hear that war is published between Spain and France, and that the French intend to fall upon Dunkirk. Execution of Biscayners at Rennes. The Spanish Plate fleet has come lately home, they say but with three millions, which will put that King to his trumps. Glad that the unfaithful and unmerciful Duke of Bavaria has felt the weight of the King of Sweden's hand, and wishes he may find no better favour in his extremity than he showed to the poor King of Bohemia. The coast is clear of Turks and pirates. The people were much affrighted, and glad to see them for their defence. Here were taken 20 Biscayners, chased ashore by a Hollander, which gave that fright of the Turks coming. Being searched, they were found uncircumcised, and, having confessed to piracy on a Frenchman, were all sent to gaol. [*One page.*]

May 15. Worlton.

51. Sir Thomas Button to the same. Was enforced by continued weakness to return towards his home, being 80 miles off. Begs to know the Lords' commands, which he will perform himself if God makes him able, or else he will employ a sufficient deputy. Is most sorry for Captain Thomas's troubles. The accident might have happened to any one; and for the gold, pearl, unicorns' horn or elephants' teeth, it is not probable that Nutt would leave such things behind him. For the point of the numbers of men now in debate, he will say to the last that they that first propounded those abatements never purposed to be themselves employed, and little knew what they did. [*One page.*]

May 15. Burderop.

52. Sir William Calley to the same. Being informed by Francis Andrewes, his daughter's kinsman, that Mr. King, Nicholas's clerk, goes from him, has been entreated to write to him for Andrewes to supply his place. Recommends him highly. [*Half a page.*]

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May 15. Office of the Ordnance. 53. Officers of the Ordnance to Nicholas. Inclose particular of powder and habiliments of war wherewith the Fifth and Ninth Whelps have of late been supplied out of that office. The charge being to be borne out of the revenues of Ireland, they beg that the account may be sent thither, that if the supply may be furnished better cheap in that country, the Lords Justices may give order for doing thereof. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Inclosed,*

53. I. *Proportion of powder and other things above mentioned. Among the items are "For land carriage of the said "munitions from the Tower to Holborn Bridge, to the "wainmen at 2s. 6d. per load, 15s. Transportation by "wains from Holborn Bridge to Bristol, the weight being "4 tons, 16 cwts. 4 lbs., 21l. 6s. 2d." Total, 254l. 13s. 10d.* [*One page and three quarters.*]

May 15. 54. Bond of Paul Dod the younger, sailor, and his father Paul Dod, of London, turner, in 200*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of Paul Dod the younger before the Council on the 20th June next. [*One page.*]

May 16. 55. Petition of Sir Sampson Darrell, Surveyor of Victuals to the Navy, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays them again to require the Lords Justices of Ireland to make payment of 200*l.* 9*s.*, balance of 426*l.* 9*s.* due to petitioner for victualling the two Whelps serving on the coast of that country, paying 8*d.* per man on account of the then dearness of provisions, and that petitioner may not pay 6*d.* in the pound on such amount to the officers of the Exchequer there. [*One page.*]

May 17. Francis Phelips, Auditor of the Exchequer, to [the same]. Has audited the accounts of William Drake, collector of tenths of prize goods at Bristol, from 1628, with a brief interval, until the 3 August 1631. Receipts, 7,604*l.* 17*s.*; per-centage allowed to the Receiver, 380*l.* 4*s.*; remains due from him, 224*l.* 13*s.* [*See* Domestic, Eliz., 1590, *Vol. of Admiralty Collections, fol.* 118.]

May 17. The same to the same. Has audited the accounts of Sir John Drake for a few months for Bristol, and for Minehead, Lyme Regis, and Weymouth from 23 August 1628 to the end of the wars. Receipts, 5,849*l.* 7*s.*; per-centage allowed to the Receiver, 292*l.* 9*s.*; remains due from him, 256*l.* 18*s.* [*See Ibid., fol.* 118 *b.*]

May 17. 56. Officers of the Navy to the same. Send certificate of Peter Pett, one of the King's master shipwrights, touching the state of the Forests of East and West Beere and the New Forest in Hants, Shotover and Stow-wood, and Alsen [Alice] Holt in Surrey. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

56. I. *Peter Pett to the Officers of the Navy. Good state of the Forests of East and West Beere, and unspeakable abuse in Shotover and Stow-wood, by cutting off tops for browse*

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for the deer as is pretended, and lopping wood fit for knee timber for great ships, for firewood. Sir Timothy Tyrrell's answer was, "How should the keepers live, "having but 26s. 8d. a year, and that unpaid these 10 "years?" Yet these places sell for 100l. apiece. When shewed a warrant for felling 2,000 trees in those forests, he made light of it, pretending a direction from the Earl of Holland to stay 1,500 trees, parcel of the 2,000, threatening to lay by the heels any one who should fell a tree more. The timber in Alsen [Alice] Holt in good condition. [One page and a half.]

May 18. 57. Petition of Michael Borthwick to the King. Abel Denys, a merchant of Bourdeaux, claims near 7,000*l.* for wines delivered in the King's father's time to Mr. Serjeant Bowy. Denys came over some seven years ago in hope to receive the amount, but was delayed by Bowy, and driven away by the plague and business at home. Since then his solicitor has either neglected or been slighted in the business. Petitioner being in France, and being assured by Denys of the justice of his claim, assigned him some moneys due to petitioner in that country to receive so much of Serjeant Bowy, which he did the rather on account of the complaints he heard that anything provided for the household of this Crown should not be discharged. Prays a reference to such honourable persons as the King may think fit. *Underwritten,*

57. I. *Reference to the Earl of Dorset, Mr. Treasurer of the Household [Sir Thomas Edmondes], and Sec. Coke. Greenwich, 1632, May 18.*

57. II. *Appointment by the Earl of Dorset and Sir Thomas Edmondes to attend them at the Council Chamber on Thursday next, May 28.*

57. III. *Reference from the three referees to Henry Lee, Edward Browne, and George Langham, to examine letters or proofs to be produced by petitioner, and to certify the state of the business.*

57. IV. *Memorandum by Sec. Coke (almost obliterated), that Henry Lee being dead, and Mr. Browne not understanding French, George Langham, Marmaduke Roydon [Rawdon], and Thomas Bell are desired to perform the service above mentioned. [Petition and other writings two pages.]*

May 18. Milk Street. 58. Francis Morice to Nicholas. "We" [the Officers of the Ordnance] "have received 20 lasts of powder" for which he desires a certificate, whereupon he is to receive payment according to a late contract. Sec. Coke willed them to speak to Nicholas to move the Lords of the Admiralty as to what kind of certificate they of the Ordnance should give. [*One page.*]

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May 18. The Assurance, in Plymouth Sound. 59. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Received his packet and will with all diligence perform the contents as soon as the wind alters. If they go for Denmark the victualler must be dealt with speedily. Now they are provided to the 8th July, which will be pretty well spent before Lord Leicester comes aboard. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

May 18. The Assurance, in Plymouth Sound. 60. The same to Sec. Coke. Received order to repair to the Downs, which with all diligence he will accomplish. Nutt, the pirate, has lost his best ship (perhaps purposely to pretend non-ability for performance of his conditions), and is shipped in a poor vessel with three pieces of ordnance and gone for the Flemish islands. His brother is gone with a copy of his pardon and left behind him Capt. Ketelby at Plymouth, to whom the order for reducing him was principally delivered. The opinion of the country is that when the one brother finds out the other he will join with him in that devilish trade. [*One page.*]

May 18. 61. Petition of Alexander Bannister to the King. There is due to petitioner for hire of the True Love, of London, employed in the Cadiz expedition, 75*l.* Prays order for the Lord Treasurer to satisfy the same; or to Sir William Russell to establish petitioner as purser in the first of the ships now building. *Underwritten,*

61. I. *Reference to Sec. Coke to see petitioner provided for as he desires. Greenwich,* 1632, *May* 18. [*Petition and reference, one page.*]

May 19. Mitton. 62. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Mr. Hawton promised to give the writer notice when Lady Huncks was to pass by Ragley, but did not. Unexpectedly she came on Sunday last in the evening, and betimes in the morning went away, so that he did not see her. She, the child, and his nurse went away all very well, and a dairy-maid along with them. Money shall be sent up as fast as it can be provided. [*Half a page.*]

May 19. Mitton. 63. The same to George Rawden. Lady Huncks with the company for Ireland came and departed as above mentioned. Lady Huncks reports that my Lord has given her the benefit of the orchard at Arrow. Wishes to hear the certainty. [*Half a page.*]

May 19. Plymouth Sound. 64. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Longs to be in the Downs, that he may hear from him, for he expects no letters there, yet Capt. Plumleigh received a packet yesterday, signed by Sec. Coke, as the postmaster sent him word, for Pennington hears it not from Plumleigh himself. Sees that he shall have all the affronts that may be put upon him, for those packets to any of the fleet were wont to come by the Admiral. [*One page.*]

May 19. 65. Sir Timothy Fetherstonhaugh to Mr. Gosnall or Mr. Squibb. Mr. Masters refused to return my Lord's warrant, and when he will do the writer's warrant he knows not. He was a little angry, whe-

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ther because he gets naught for Mr. Orpheur's [Orfevre's?] patent, or that he has some other end. Begs the person addressed to speak with him. [*Half a page.*]

May 20. Devizes. 66. Mayor and others of Devizes to Sir Edward Hungerford, Sheriff of Wilts. Report the measures taken by them for relief of the poor within their borough. [*One page.*]

May 20. 67. "Mr. Richard Spinks' articles and expulsion." It contains, according to Bishop Laud's indorsement, notes of Mr. Spinks' statements in his "common place in St. John's, Cambridge." It was derived from examinations of Messrs. Coats, Thurston, Hutton, Ellis, Tyrwhitt, and Price. Mr. Spinks condemned non-residency, and the leaving of their charges by ministers to serve at tables, even at council tables, and approved the act of the great grandfather of the present king of Sweden in taking away the revenues of the churches and making them all stipendiaries. [*Received by Bishop Laud this day. Three quarters of a page*].

May 22. 68. Sir Robert Heath, Chief Justice of Common Pleas, to the Mayor of [Newcastle-upon-Tyne]. From him and Mr. Tempest, his counsel, receives as fair an answer as he can expect for the shore at South Shields, and when he looks on the agreement between them, cannot imagine there could be any other thing, but from John Wright, his servant, and Mr. Dod who has related some late passages about himself, he is at a stand what to think of his words and actions compared together. Wishes him to peruse his agreement and see whether masters who are willing to cast their ballast with him till his shore be finished, ought, in justice, to be hindered as they are daily, and Mr. Dod lately bound over to answer as for a misdemeanor. Desires to understand whether he is to trust to their deed or their actions. If they can make it appear that he does the town any wrong, he will sit down with the loss, otherwise he must maintain his right. [*Two pages and a quarter. Copy.*]

May 22. Bristol. 69. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. Has sent the Officers of the Navy survey books, by which they may see the state of every rope and sail at the ship's coming in there. Cannot send his charge exactly, being obliged to go daily to the ships at Hung Road, more than four miles from that city, to muster the carpenters and give orders for all businesses. The Fifth Whelp was finished in her careening on the 18th inst. Hopes in 15 or 20 days to have them ready. Begs him to forward the sending down the stores. Sir Thomas Button has written the master to make all haste with the ship to Milford Haven to take him in. [*One page.*]

May 22. Cambridge. 70. Dr. Thomas Comber, Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge, to Bishop Laud. A contribution towards the repair of St. Paul's was moved by Dr. Butts, but the heads thought fit to hearken first what was done by Oxford. The "motioner" for that course undertook to send them information from London, but has not yet done so. One

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Mr. Barnard, a discontinuer, and a preacher about London, uttered some offensive words concerning ceremonies and rites used in some churches in a sermon of his at St. Mary's, and in some other church before. The writer gave a decree to the bedell to convent him, but he could not be found. Another man also [Richard Spinks] uttered some other exceptions against the clergy and ordinances in St. John's chapel, in a common place there. They have expelled him the college. The writer offered upon information to convent him before the heads. [*Two pages. Dated, "This Pentecost on Tuesday,* 1632."]

May 24. The Convertive, riding in the Downs. 71. Capt. John Pennington to Lord Treasurer Weston. Understanding of the French King's drawing into Picardy with an army, and not knowing what his design may be, the writer thought fit to send his lieutenant (who is a perfect Frenchman both in tongue and habit) along with the Second Whelp to Jersey, just to give them some directions for that service, as he was born in that island, and then to embark for St. Malo, and thence to Havre de Grace and Dieppe, and to take a strict survey of what ships are making ready, and learn if any are making ready in Brest, Blavet, or other parts of the Bay of Biscay. From Dieppe he is to come to the Downs, whence Pennington will send him to the Lord Treasurer to give an account of his proceedings. Prays him to order the moneys which he promised to be paid to Sir James Bagg for Pennington. [*One page.*]

May 24. The Assurance, in the Downs. 72. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty. According to their order has used all possible diligence to recover the Downs, where he has that instant arrived. The coast is clear of pirates and Turks, of whom the country was fearful, but without apparent occasion. Expects their Lordships' further commands. [*One page.*]

May 24. The Convertive. 73. Capt. John Pennington to the same. On Sunday last, in the evening, set sail out of Plymouth Sound in company with the Assurance and the two Whelps. Off the Start the Second Whelp stood away for Jersey and Guernsey. The Assurance sailing something better afore the wind, stood away with all the sail she could put abroad, and got into the Downs some three hours before Pennington, in a very unorderly and unaccustomed manner, without coming near Pennington or staying for him all the way. It seems he [Capt. Plumleigh] presumes he may do anything. Pennington advertises this merely to keep afoot the ancient rules, for if they be brought into contempt, then farewell all command! Pennington knows he had order to come for the Downs, and so had he before him. He was aboard of Pennington's ship when they set sail, for he had dined and supped with him the same day, and Pennington told him they would go together to the Downs. Was neither wanting in desire or diligence to give them the first advertisement of their arrival there. [*One page.*]

May 24. Norwich. 74. Nathaniel Knyvett to his brother Sir Philiberto Vernatti. Sent him several announcements that the writer's wife had been

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delivered of a daughter. They made bold with "my lady" for a godmother, the writer's sister Mary stood for her. State of his wife's health. She suckles the child herself. [*One page.*]

May 24. Weymouth. 75. Commissioners of Admiralty for the trial of pirates at Weymouth to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Lord Lieutenant and Vice-Admiral of Dorset. The captain only, John Bronkard, a Dutchman, is convicted; seven of his company, Biscayners, whom he could not well trust, but shut them up under hatches whilst he and others robbed two French ships, were acquitted. The captain has judgment of death, but execution is forborne until his Majesty's pleasure be known. Thirty-four other pirates were delivered upon the King's pardon. [*One page.*]

May 24. 76. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Sussex, of measures taken by them for relief of the poor within the rape of Bramber. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

May 25. Painswick. 77. Sir John Bridgeman and others, Commissioners of Oyer and Terminer, for trial of rioters in co. Gloucester, to the Council. Report their sitting under a renewed commission. Three prisoners were brought before them, whereof two were acquitted, and William Gibbons, a poor man, was found guilty and fined 20 nobles or six months imprisonment. About 140 have been indicted, and process made to the Sheriff for arresting them, but not above one or two at a session are brought in. If the commission be renewed, suggest the insertion of names of Justices near dwelling, as Richard Berkeley, Jasper Selwyn, and Richard Wood. [*One page.*]

May 25. 78. Petition of Thomas Whatman, Robert Drinkwater, and others, to the same. Petitioners' apprentices have unlawfully departed from them, and taken entertainment at St. Katherine's, near the Tower, under captains appointed to serve under the King of Sweden. The captains refuse to release them or to allow warrants of Justices of Peace to be served upon them. Pray reference to Sir William Balfour, Lieutenant of the Tower, and Nathaniel Snape. [*Copy.*] *Underwritten,*

78. I. *Reference solicited. The referees are to send for Captain Morgan and give the petitioners relief. Whitehall,* 1632, *May* 25. [*Copy. Petition and reference, one page.*] *Annexed,*

78. II. *Report of Sir William Balfour and Nathaniel Snape. Capt. Morgan, who had harboured Barnaby Conway, apprentice to Robert Drinkwater (who carried away from his master* 30*l.*), *promised to deliver him up, but has not done so. A warrant has been issued against Capt. Bruncker for harbouring John Lockier, apprentice to Thomas Whatman, but he being sometimes aboard and at other times out of the county of Middlesex, cannot be found.* [*One page.*]

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May 25. 79. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend Edward Boate and Peter Pett to build the new ships for 1633, whose plots are answerable to those of the Nonsuch and Warspite, of burthen between 500 and 600 tons, the one to be framed in the New Forest, the other in Alice Holt. [*One page.*]

May 25. Weymouth and Melcomb Regis. 80. Robert Naper to Sec. Coke. Reports the proceedings of the Commission for the Admiralty, held at Weymouth, for trial of pirates, as in the letter of the Commissioners to the Earl of Suffolk, *No.* 75. [*One page.*]

May 25. Bristol. 81. Thomas Morgan, purser of the Ninth Whelp, to Nicholas. Both the pinnaces at Bristol will be speedily ready, being victualled to the last of June. The writer received from the Lords of Ireland 197*l.* towards victualling from 4 April, the whole charge being 356*l.*, so that he is out of purse 159*l.* Neither of the captains is there, but it is time for them to go for Ireland, or order to be given to victual them for a longer time. Begs him to acquaint the Lords how the case stands. [*One page.*]

[May 25.] 82. Note of request of the French Ambassador that leave be granted to Mr. Ward, a prisoner in the Clink, for two days, to attend the Ambassador upon caution given. There is written underneath, as if by way of answer, "It is not the custom of this Board "to permit any man committed for a capital offence, being matter "of state and not of religion, to go abroad." [*Half a page. Indorsed by Sec. Coke with this date.*]

May 26. Exeter. 83. Mayor and others of Exeter to the Council. They have deputed Nicholas Spicer and Robert Walker, two merchants of that city, to attend their Lordships touching their trade into France. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

May 26. Tehidie. 84. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Last time he bound Richard Vivian for most insolent contempt and returned the bond to Mr. Richard Wyan. He now incloses a complaint against Richard Michell, and hopes a messenger will be sent for him and the constable and Henry Michell, son of Richard. The men are rich, and fit to be made examples of, and just cause. [*One page.*]

May 26. Burcombe. 85. Alexander Tutt to his cousin Nicholas. On his desire was contented to connive at his cutting as much wood as should yield 30*l.*, so as he would pay 6*l.* to Richard Cox, a poor man of Newbury. But Clarke, who is employed for the sale of these woods, has cut down above 200 trees, and refuses to deliver any money to the use of Cox. Begs his assistance to free him if called to account about these woods, and that he would send to Clarke to pay Robert Hannam 6*l.* for Cox. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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June 5. St. Sebastian. 86. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Incloses bill of lading of 2,000 rials sent him by Mr. Emmett, who departs in two days at farthest. [*Half a page.*]

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May 26. 87. List of trawl nets taken by Capt. Thomas Austen, of the Henrietta, since the 4th inst. Six trawls taken, names of the owners stated. [*Half a page. Indorsed by Nicholas, as received this day.*]

May 27. 88. John Gennings, Roman Catholic Provincial of England, to William de St. Antonio. Letters dimissory, authorizing him to preach the word of God, and administer the sacraments within England, subject to the observation of certain underwritten statutes. *Underwritten,*

88. I. *Faculties granted to William de St. Antonio.*

88. II. *Particular statutes for the English mission of the Friars Minor.* [*Letter and other writings, five pages and a half, all Latin.*]

May 27. 89. Copy of the same. [*Six pages.*]

May 28. His house at Sandyhaven. 90. Sir Thomas Button to Nicholas. His weakness is such that he could not stir five miles. He will take care all shall be well. Wonders that the Whelps are not yet come about, for he wrote to the master, and he promised to be at Milford Haven in 10 days. Begs him to take knowledge of a letter the writer addressed to Mr. Edisbury, concerning a wrong done to Sir Thomas. Also to continue his love to Capt. Thomas for his enlargement, and if he wants money to stead him. [*Half a page.*]

May 28. Tehidie. 91. Francis Bassett to the same. Sends commissioners names for a commission respecting a wreck which happened at St. Gennys in January last. This commission peaceably obtained, and the general peace confirmed by the punishment of Michell and his complices, he begs of Nicholas to effect. [*One page.*]

May 28. Bulwick. 92. Sir Thomas Roe to Sir Edward Horwood. His welcome letter came as the rain in a dry May. Finds there is an art in making news and a fault on the part of people in this country to become too hungry. We will not give the King of Sweden leave to conquer like a man by degrees, but look he should fight battles and take towns as fast as we read them in the book of Joshua. This is an infirmity in us, but the enemy's disease is greater, for they make lies and publish them. He is glad that their cause needeth it. Left the Court before Whitsun week. It was then divided between two passions, but the Papist hung his head like a bullrush. You might know him by his dejection. Sir Jacob Ashley carried assurance of 10,000*l.* a month as a voluntary aid without obligation or bargain. Hopes it will content. A wise prince will accept of every help, though not that he desired. Sure we are our King's heart is right, and he will in time express it. Our combat is dissolved, and the combatants both sent to the Tower. In the opinion of the hearers, the last day did credit to none, but most disadvantage to Ramsey. [*One page. Copy.*]

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May 28. June 7. St. Sebastian. 93. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Sends his case of bottles to be replenished with the best liquor. Wants two good bull dogs. Also, after a pattern sent, 50 or 60 pewter trenchers, and a dozen of great dishes, and two pair of the hangings he had had already sent. In the case of bottles there is a paper for fustians, wants four quire of them. Sends three gammons of Biscay bacon, one for Peter Sadler. [*One page.*]

May 28. 94. Account of Matthew de Quester for carriage of packets from and to foreign countries, for his Majesty's service, from 18 Nov. 1631 to this day. Total, 166*l.* 4*s.* [*Ten pages and three quarters. Underneath is written the allowance of Sec. Coke, dated* 20 *July* 1632.]

May 29. 95. [Edward Viscount Conway] to Foulke Reed. The nag is well come up. Wishes his advice on several points respecting his horses, and if he has any more money to send it up. [*Draft. One page.*]

May 29. The Strand. 96. Sir William Slingsby to Sir Philiberto Vernatti. Has perused his two bonds and finds there is due three months' interest and 200*l.* of his debt and 100*l.* of her Ladyship's debt under his security. Wishes him to express himself as to the further continuance of it for five or six months longer. [*One page.*]

May 30. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 97. Mayor and others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. On notice given that Walter Stile, master of a ship of Newport, Isle of Wight, brought in thither from Calais three passengers, with books and other things, the writers sent to Stile to bring the said passengers, with the books and other things before them. Stile came and brought with him a cloak bag and a little trunk, which contained Popish books both in Latin and English, to the number of 18 or 20, as also divers relics, beads, and letters directed to gentlemen in divers counties, all which they have in their possession, and have bound Stile to appear at the Assizes to answer his neglect in suffering his passengers to go at liberty before he presented them to the writers. Intreat further directions. [*One page.*]

May 30. 98. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. By letters from Robert Kitchen they are informed that the money disbursed and the wants necessarily to be supplied in the Fifth and Ninth Whelps amount to 968*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, whereof has been transmitted to him from Ireland 426*l.* The remainder must be provided, otherwise the ships cannot go to sea with safety, and if forced to lie in harbour his Majesty will be at needless expense of 120 men idle. Suggest that the Lords should write to the Lords of Ireland for the speedy return of the 542*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* At the same time may remind them that there is due to Sir William Russell for fitting ships to sea last year 331*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

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98. I. *Estimate of the charge for the Fifth and Ninth Lion's Whelps at Bristol, March to May* 1632 *; paid by Kitchen* 487*l.* 11*s.* 8*d. ; more to be supplied, being cables, sails, and flags,* 480*l.* 10*s. ; total,* 968*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* [*Four pages.*]

May 30. 99. Copy of the above letter, without the inclosure. [*One page.*]

May 30. 100. Memorandum of Nicholas that the letter to the Lords of Ireland above suggested should also request further supply of victuals for three months. [*Quarter of a page.*]

May 30. Westminster. 101. Edward Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The Lords wrote to Capt. Plumleigh when Pennington was running about and had left him to guard that coast. If they had imagined Pennington was still there, they would have addressed him to have given Plumleigh such order. The Lords sent for him to be ready to transport the Earl of Leicester to Denmark. Now he and Pennington are together they will address to the latter the order to give him directions. In the meantime Pennington should cause the fleet to ply up and down at sea. Nicholas is sorry that Plumleigh should slight Pennington, but so long as he continues constant in his care, his Majesty (who only placed him) will see he shall not receive injury or discredit. Advises him not to take notice of what is past, but when Plumleigh does the like again to let him understand his fault. The difference concerning the numbers of men is not yet decided. Sir Robert Mansell and his party are measuring the King's ships, but Sir Kenelm Digby, Sir Henry Mainwaring, and the Trinity House are agreed, and have subscribed what they conceive concerning every ship's numbers of men, but they keep it to themselves. No gunner yet appointed in Clarkson's place. The Lord Treasurer it is said shall be Earl of Chelmsford, and his son and heir, Mr. Jerome Weston, is to marry the Duke of Lennox's sister, with whom he shall have it is said 6,000*l.* The Lords approve Pennington's diligence. Sir Thomas Button is sick at his mother's house. Is going to attend the Lords to know when they will meet on Admiralty affairs, which they have not done these five weeks. The King continues at Greenwich till the progress begins, which will be about the end of June. Their Majesties will go to Sarum. [*One page and three quarters.*]

May 30. Melton Mowbray. 102. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to Gregory Brokesby, Sheriff. State measures adopted for relief of the poor within the hundred of Framland. [*One page.*]

May 30. Market Bosworth. 103. Other Justices of Peace for the same county to John Maior, Under-sheriff. Certify similar measures taken within the hundred of Sparkenhoe. The good effects of these measures is evidenced by the fact that since the last Assizes to that day there had come into the common gaol of the county of Leicester but two prisoners, for small felonies committed by servants. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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May 30. 104. Justices of Peace for Suffolk to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the liberty of St. Etheldred. [*One page. Memorandum of Lord Chief Justice Heath indorsed, that he received no certificate from any other of the Sheriffs on his circuit.* 1632, *Oct.* 25.]

May 30. 105. Certificate of Kenrick Edisbury, that Robert Chamberlain, gunner successively in the George, the Great Seahorse, and St. Claude, has demeaned himself deservingly. [*Half a page.*]

May 31. 106. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend Robert Chamberlain for gunner in the Convertive, in the room of Thomas Clarkson, deceased. State his services. [*One page.*]

May 31. 107. Dr. Samuel Collins to Bishop Laud. Has come with a kinsman whom he desires may be admitted to the rectory of Barnston, which "my Lord" offered the writer. Prays the Bishop, when they come before him, to let the person to be admitted know that the Bishop expects some account upon what terms the writer is settled at Braintree, and to give the writer charge to suppress all conventicles of both sexes, to keep his people to conformity in receiving the Sacrament, and to intimate that few things are spoken or done at Braintree but come to the Bishop's ear. These things spoken at this present will settle this young man in a conformable way, and may procure the writer much peace. [*One page.*]

May. 108. Petition of the Merchants of Dover to the King. The Sarah, of London, coming from Spain to Dover, being of 300 tons, could not come into the haven, but went into the Downs according to custom. A bark, James Flinder, master, employed to bring in the goods to Dover, being laden and at the foot of the Castle in three fathoms water, was on Saturday, 28 April last taken away in a fog by a frigate of Calais, John Baynard, master, and carried into that place. On Monday, 30th April, the King granted an order for stay of a ship of Calais, but by reason the post was eight hours longer than is allowed, the ship was gone two hours before he came, whereupon they sent a messenger with a complaint to the Governor of Calais, who advised the restoration of the bark and goods; but the owner of the frigate answered that it was entered in the Admiralty Court, and that they would try it by suit. Since then they have been suitors to the Ambassador of France and the Admiralty. of Paris, where they have been delayed five weeks without result Pray satisfaction. [*Half a page.*]

[May ?] 109. Petition of Anthony Metcalfe to the same. Petitioner like his ancestors being born and bred in the Catholic Roman religion, was left by his parents, being the third brother, a small portion and no lands. Being secretary to the late Countess of Buckingham for seven years before her death, he was by her mediation protected against certain officers who grievously prosecuted petitioner, and was by her procured to be sworn servant to her Majesty. Being

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shortly to repair to his friends, not without hope of preferment by marriage, he shall be in danger to be again prosecuted, unless the King be pleased to grant him relief. Prays him, therefore, to sign an inclosed warrant. [*Half a page.*]

[May ?] 110. Petition of Capt. Henry Bell to the Council. Petitioner to his great grief understands that they have conceived much displeasure against him, and have given warrant for his commitment, where he now lies destitute of means and maintenance. For a whole year he has sought nothing more than that he might be called to give account of those particular services respecting which they entertain doubt. Prays them to suspend their displeasure until his cause is heard, and in the meantime to give order for his releasement, with discharge of his expenses of imprisonment. [*One page. A warrant was granted for apprehension of Captain Bell on the 6th inst. Reg. Conc., Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 21.]

[May ?] 111. Another petition of the same to the same. Petitioner will make it appear that he is as falsely accused as Naboth was under King Ahab's government by wicked Jezebel's stubbornness. Is willing to divulge in writing an open publication of the proceedings of those sons of Belial, his false accusers. Prays them to take a speedy hearing of his cause. [*One page.*]

[May ?] 112. Petition of John Harris and John Robinson, prisoners in the Marshalsea, to Lord Keeper Coventry. Petitioners being inhabitants in the Forest of Feckenham, were unadvisedly actors in the late riots there, and for that offence were sent for up to London and imprisoned. They have endured much misery and more should have endured if those that prosecute the cause for his Majesty had not relieved them. Being very poor men, unable to pay fees of prison-keeper or lawyer, they pray enlargement on bond, without paying fees. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

May. 113. James Earl of Carlisle to Sir Henry Vane. He has now the opportunity to express to the King of Sweden their master's love to him, and his own desires to do him service. There are some disaffected to him in England who make reports to his disadvantage, that the King of Sweden shows little respect to the King, their master, and that Vane has not made himself gracious to him. Knows these murmurs proceed from malice, but uses the language of an old friend, and presents things plainly to him, which he will know what use to make of. [*Three pages.*]

May. 114. President, Treasurer, and Governors of St. Thomas's Hospital, in Southwark, to the Council. According to an order of Council, they present a return of the particulars of their income for the past year. Total permanent receipts, 1,839*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.*,—made up of rents of houses in London, 504*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; in Southwark, 514*l.*; rents in the country, 720*l.* 5*s.* 10*d.*; annuities given by divers benefactors, 100*l.* 17*s.* 1*d.* Names of the tenants, and general situation

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1632. of the premises belonging to the hospital are stated. Number of patients under care at this time, 300 and odd, who, as they are cured, are discharged, and others received weekly. Statement of all the officers of the hospital, with their annual wages; among them, "thirteen sisters, 40*s.* apiece;" "a doctor of physic, 30*l.*;" "an "apothecary, 60*l.*;" "three surgeons, 36*l.* apiece; more to one of "them for cutting the poor of the stone, 15*l.*;" "an herb woman for "physical herbs, 4*l.*" Total, 365*l.* Expense for diet of the patients and residents, fuel, and casual expenses for the year past, 1,819*l.* 16*s.* 2*d.* Total payments for past year, 2,761*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.* The deficiency in the permanent receipts was supplied by legacies and other casual receipts. [*Twenty-two pages.*]

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Volume containing a Report, not quite complete, of the proceedings in the Court of Chivalry on an appeal of high treason by Donald Lord Reay against David Ramsey. It is in the handwriting of William Ryley, the herald, at that time Rouge Rose. The first sheet contains his draft account of the opening of the Court; the remainder was probably copied by him from the register of the Court. It contains the pleadings and evidence, and relates the proceedings of the Court day by day. *See* State Trials, III., 483; Rushworth, II., 112.

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June 1. 1. Petition of Lewis Le Myre, Apothecary in ordinary to his Majesty and to the Prince and Princess, to the King. Served the King's father and mother for many years, in which time he served in divers provisions for their services, and "all the accompliments "for the embalmation of both their Majesties' bodies," being the greater part of his estate, of all which he is unpaid, and, thereby, much in debt. He has also supplied for the households of the Prince and Princess, many of whom have been sick, "many medicaments, "perfumes, sweet powders, and odoriferous waters." Prays special warrant for payment. *Underwritten,*

1. 1. *Minute of his Majesty's direction to the Lord Treasurer to order payment of moneys due from his Majesty, and for moneys unpaid for the Prince and Princess to advise how they may be most conveniently paid. Greenwich,* 1632, *June* 1. [*Petition and minute, one page.*]

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June 1. 2. Another petition of Lewis Le Myre to the King. Served the King's father and mother for many years, and at the King's coming to the Crown, was sworn his Majesty's Apothecary in ordinary, to enjoy such diet, wages, and board wages, as he formerly had. In regard of his daily attendance on the Prince and Princess, prays order to the Officers of the Green Cloth, to allow petitioner diet in kind, according to his patent. *Underwritten,*

2. 1. *Reference to the Treasurer of the Household and the Officers of the Green Cloth to certify what they think fit to be done. Greenwich,* 1632, *June* 1. [*Petition and reference, one page.*]

June 1. Weymouth. 3. Mayor of Weymouth to the Council. The merchants of that town (being but four) that trade into France, being so few in number and of mean abilities, (the greatest merchants that traffic through that port thither living in inland towns), make excuse for not attending their Lordships according to their mandate, saying that they trade to such places there where they have been free. [*One page.*]

June 1. Finsbury Fields, over against the six windmills, westward. 4. Andrew Humfrey to Sec. Coke. Being commanded in a dream to declare his visions to Sec. Coke, he was very unwilling to do so; but he took his Bible in his hand, and prayed that he might light on some chapter to set him forward. As he opened his Bible, he came to 1. Samuel, chap. 15. The 22nd and 23rd verses spurred him forward, wherefore he relates various visions; the conclusion being that the King put his hand in his pocket, and gave the writer some gold, and also promised that he should be righted of all the wrongs sustained of his brother, sister, and kindred. [*Three pages.*] *Annexed, perhaps inclosed,*

4. 1. *Two epigrams, one upon the circumstance that "Roma, "Amor," "Rome backward spelled is love;" the other that by slight transposition the Queen's name "Maria" is converted into "Amari;" it concludes,—*

"If God loves you, love him aright, and then,
"To be beloved you will deserve again."

[*Half a page.*]

June 1. 5. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to Richard Hale, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Broadwater, and half hundred of Hitchin. [*One page.*]

June 1. 6. Justices of Peace for co. Derby to Humphrey Okeover, the Sheriff. Report similar measures within the hundred or division of Morleston and Eitchyne. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 1. Gillmorton. 7. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Leicester, of punishment of vagrants within the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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June 2. Exeter. 8. Ignatius Jurdain to the Council. By law, every brewer is to sell his drink according to the assize, which in Exeter is set at 11*s.* the hogshead; yet the brewers, combining together, sell at 15*s.* the hogshead, whereby the drink being strong, drunkenness and swearing abound; the poor have only an ale pint for a penny, instead of a quart, and about 2,000 quarters of malt are spent more every year. Suits in law have been instituted, but the brewers have stayed them by removal into the higher Courts. Pray that letters be written to the Mayor and Justices, requiring the brewers to keep the assize, or binding them to appear before the Council. [*One page.*]

June 2. 9. Petition of William Grys, Barbara Barnes, and Martha Garbrand, vintners, to Bishop Laud, Chancellor of the University of Oxford. The Bishop having the sole power of granting licences for sale of wine and keeping taverns within the University, and the petitioners being licensed according to his power, Humphrey Boddicott, to increase the number of vintners, has obtained a wine licence from his Majesty's patentee, pretending that he has power within the University. Pray him to suppress Boddicott from selling wines. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

9. I. *Note of licences granted to the petitioners and others, by former Chancellors of Oxford, and to Humphrey Boddicott, by Lord Goring, patentee of wine licences.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 2. 10. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty, with marginal notes of a few of their directions thereon. Among them; the Whelps at Bristol; Capt. Hooke's request for murtherers, as Sir Thomas Button has; Sir Henry Marten's representations of encroachments on Admiralty jurisdiction in London; Capt. Pett's charges presented to the Officers of the Navy [*Margin,* "to be delivered to Mr. Lake"]; Mr. Edisbury's remembrances from Portsmouth; report of Drs. Rives and Zouch respecting a Portugal ship in Ireland, and Capt. Thomas's taking her from the Vice-Admiral's Deputy [*Margin,* "return to Sir Henry Marten."] Petitions of Gransin in German, the boatswains of the Fifth Whelp, Mr. Bell, Mr. Smith. The Officers of Ordnance about receiving Mr. Evelyn's powder. [*One page and a half.*]

June 2. 11. Another similar paper of minutes, containing most of the subjects mentioned in the preceding, with some additional matters; probably in this paper the subjects were entered from time to time as they occurred to Nicholas's mind, whilst the preceding paper was a fair copy, with some additions and omissions. [*One page and a quarter.*]

June 2. 12. Deposition of Thomas Waight, mercer, of Trowbridge, co. Wilts, as to the abuse of Jasper Heily by William Long and his wife, turning him out of doors at 11 at night, and calling him base

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knave and broker. They afterwards asserted that Heily would have abused their house by requiring a wench, but that is false. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 4. 13. Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having lately received warrants for supply of the two Lion's Whelps at Bristol, also of his Majesty's ships at Chatham and Portsmouth, and the forts of Gravesend and Tilbury, the writers have required provisions of cordage, and also from the carpenter and smith, which they have refused on account of the great sums of money due to them, departure from the ancient form of paying their amounts upon the ordinary, and the greater questioning of their prices, all which make them rather losers than gainers. Present these reasons and profess their own readiness to discharge their duty. [*One page. Copy.*]

June 4. The Downs. 14. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Was in hope to have heard from him about the transport of the Earl of Leicester. Understands that his Admiral is ambitious of the service. Where anything may be gotten he will be sure to put himself forward, except it be knocks, and there his humility is such that he cares not much who takes the place of him. The writer knows no reason why he should not be as much favoured in such a case as he, considering how great his salary in respect of Plumleigh's, and how long the latter has served at that noble rate. Ever since the writer outstript him in gaining the Downs they are at a distance. Is weary of his peevishness and punctilios, and would sooner serve the King in a jail than under his command. [*One page.*]

June 6. The Convertive, in the Downs. 15. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Not having received further directions, purposes in the morning to set sail and ply between that and Beachy, and once in 24 or 48 hours to look in there for further commands. They have but a month's victuals from Sunday next. Begs them to give directions to the surveyor. If they have no other employment for him, purposes to ply between the Start and the Lizard, which is the chief haunt of the pirates. [*One page.*]

June 6. The Downs. 16. The same to Nicholas. Repeats information in the preceding. Perceives that the Lords make a favourable construction of Capt. Plumleigh's contempt, which is all one to the writer. He advertised it out of no private ends, but merely to keep up the ancient discipline, which decreases apace by his presumption that he may do what he will, go where and when he will, keep what men he list, convent and give places to whom he list, and to such as are not capable of them. Will leave particular relation till they meet, which he hopes will be when the King goes to the westward. He has already told him his fault in as fair a way and manner as he could, but he justifies himself and says he is as free to send and receive packets as Pennington, and that he has the same commission from the Lords as Pennington has. Hopes no one will suppose that the writer wants to transport the Earl of Leicester. It is not fit

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he should be so long out of the Narrow Seas, whilst holding the place he does. Is sorry there are any such ill members in the land as to advocate the shortening of the ancient number of their men. Appeals to Nicholas by their ancient acquaintance to let their friendship continue firm. [*Three pages.*]

June 6. The Tenth Lion's Whelp, in the Downs. 17. Capt. Henry Stradling to Nicholas. Rice Thomas, gunner of the pinnace of which he has the charge, has not given any attendance on board these ten weeks. Long since advertised Sec. Coke of his negligence, and desired that the bearer John Mears might execute his place during this employment, but received no answer. Understands that Thomas is turned out of his Majesty's service; begs Nicholas to procure Mears a warrant for the place. On survey of his gunner's stores finds wanting seven barrels of powder, and three cwt. of small shot. [*One page.*]

June 6. 18. Receipt of Dr. William Juxon for 150*l.* paid by Bishop Laud towards his buildings in St. John's College, Oxford. [*The payment was by a note, for the amount of which there is an underwritten receipt of William Fitzherbert, dated* 13*th inst. Half a page.*]

June 6. 19. Brief in a cause in Chancery of Ralph Thompson and William Hunt, plaintiffs, against Archbishop Neile, of York, formerly Bishop of Lincoln, William Baker and Susan his wife, and Elizabeth Nurse, defendants. The suit related to the administration of the effects of Elizabeth Nurse, of Leicester, widow, and the propriety of a suit at law instituted against the plaintiffs upon a bond given by them to the Archbishop, then Bishop of Lincoln, for payment of legacies under an erroneous impression as to the amount of the estate of the testatrix. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

June 7. Indenture made between Lord Treasurer Weston, Robert Earl of Lindsey, Edward Earl of Dorset, Horace Lord Vere, Master of the Ordnance, and Sec. Coke, on his Majesty's behalf, on the one part, and John Evelyn, of Godstone, co. Surrey, on the other part. Contract for converting all the saltpetre obtained for his Majesty in any part of his dominions into gunpowder, and delivering the same in certain quantities and at certain times and prices in this indenture stated. [*Copy. Twelve pages and a half. See* DOMESTIC, ELIZ., 1590, *Vol. of Admiralty Collections, fol.* 122.]

June 7. 20. Sir Thomas Richardson, Lord Chief Justice of King's Bench, to the Council. According to their order had called before him Boisgaudre and William Davies, porter of the Marshalsea, and certain others, but found nothing material but what those two stated, and therefore sends their examinations. Not sufficient evidence to convict Boisgaudre of cozenage or of sorcery, but thinks he has committed a contempt worth punishment in taking upon him to cure the king's evil. Therefore the writer has imprisoned him, according to their order, of which he complains bitterly. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Inclosed,*

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20. I. *Information of William Davies, porter of the Marshalsea. About two years past James Philip Gaudre came to be a prisoner in the Marshalsea, and about a year ago took upon him to cure the king's evil. Notice was taken of his skill by reason of a little child whom the said James Philip did cure. Has seen him spit upon his hand and rub the sores therewith, crossing it with his hand, and afterwards hanging a little piece of paper about the necks of the patients. Has known seven score come to him in one day to be cured, and many have told deponent they found ease by him. Before he took upon him to cure that disease, he was very poor, and lived upon the alms of the basket, but since, he has been seen to have good store of money. A smith from St. Giles's in the Fields, paid him 25s. for a glass of water. Informant has often seen him refuse to drink in the morning, and he said if he drank or eat in the morning, he could do no good in touching and curing that disease.* 1632, *Jan.* 28. [*One page.*]

20. II. *Examination of James Philip Gaudre, Knight of St. Lazare, in France. Is a Frenchman, and has been in England for seven years, chiefly at Sir Thomas Wolseley's house, whose daughter he married, until two years past he was arrested for debt. By his experience in surgery has recovered many poor persons of the King's evil, some before his Majesty touched them, and some after in healing up their sores. Never made any benefit by his skill, other than sometimes those whom he had done good to would give him a capon, or small sums paid by him for herbs and other things. He gives inward medicines, which cause the sick person to purge and sweat, and also applies poultices and plaisters to the sore. Used his skill often in France, and cured many. Did not cure any in England until Midsummer last, when a poor man, who had but one son, who was sick of that disease, made moan to him, and he cured him. Thinks that by reason he is the youngest of seven sons he performs that cure with better success than others, except the King. Has cured well nigh 200 since Midsummer last. The surgeons hereabouts are very ignorant in that malady. Denies that he ever spat on his fingers, and crossed the sore. The words on a paper which, for no reason, he hangs about their necks, are, "In nomine Jesu Christi, ipse sanetur." Has no skill in sorcery, witchcraft, or enchantment, nor ever used any such thing. Has spent some time in the study of philosophy, and physic, and the mathematics, to understand fortifications.* 1632, *Jan.* 28. [*Two pages.*]

June 7. 21. Dr. Thomas Rives to [the Council.] Has examined the business concerning John Watson, Nicholas Harrison, John Baker

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and John Palmer, prisoners in the castle of Dover. About the beginning of August last they being aboard a Dunkirk ship, took an English bark between Dover and the Downs, but a Holland man-of-war coming suddenly upon them, they let go their booty and fled for safety into Dover, where they were arrested as pirates. If proceeded against, their lives will be in the King's mercy. Their trial is to be properly at Dover, but may be removed to London. [*One page.*]

June 7. 22. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to the Council. Return of measures for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Edwinstree and Odsey. [*One page.*]

June 7. London. 23. Sec. Coke to Nicholas. Conferring with the Lord Treasurer about the release of the Dutch ship, which came from the plantation in Virginia, they both agreed that it was not fit to mention in the warrant any condition of *salvo jure*, or any declaration to be given to the Ambassador. Prays him to draw such a warrant for signature. [*One page.*]

June 7. 24. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Salop, of presentments made to them of vagrants punished within five of the allotments of the North part of the hundred of Bradford. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 7. 25. Sentence of Archbishops Abbot and Neile, Bishops Laud, Field of St. David's, White of Ely, and Bowle of Rochester, and others Commissioners in the Court of High Commission, in a cause promoted by Andrew Sandeland against Nicholas Bloxam, rector of Waldingfield, in Suffolk, whereby the said Bloxam was deprived of his rectory for simony. [*Five pages.*] Lat.

June 8. London. 26. Sir Thomas Walsingham to Nicholas. The trawlers and kettle-men do great hurt upon their coast, besides the Barking men at Whitstable. Wishes a course taken against them. [*Half a page.*]

June 9. Westminster. 27. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Regrets that Capt. Plumleigh should neglect Pennington, who has ever been ready to do him all friendly offices. Order is given for supply of all his fleet for three months. It is uncertain when the Earl of Leicester goes. Nicholas is told that Plumleigh will go for Ireland, and Pennington be ordered to transport the Earl. The King's "gists" are not yet agreed upon. The Lord Treasurer's son, Mr. Weston, is to be married to the Duke of Lennox's sister, on Thursday next, at Roehampton, where the King and Queen will be. One of Sir Isaac Wake's secretaries has brought word of his master's death in Paris of a fever. Report that Lord Vere and others have been slain before Maestricht, but it is not confirmed. The complaint of the farmers of the Customs has produced the inclosed letter. There are divers trawlers now about the Foreland. The business of the numbers of men sticks upon the measurement of the ships, which is in hand still. Sir Thomas Button is still sick at his house,

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and his pinnaces are at Bristol, for want of money from Ireland. Begs him not to doubt the affection of the writer. [*One page.*] *Incloses,*

27. I. *Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. John Pennington. Great quantities of foreign commodities were wont to be brought into this kingdom from Calais, Flanders, and the Netherlands to be re-shipped into foreign parts. This course is now altered by bringing the same into the Downs, Gore End, or Dover Road, and there lading the same into English ships bound for Spain, and unlading English homeward-bound ships in the same way. His fleet is to assist the farmers of Customs in reforming these abuses. Whitehall,* 1632, *June* 8. [*One page and a half.*]

June 9. 28. Richard Pulley, Deputy Vice-Admiral to the Earl of Warwick for Essex, to Nicholas. The trawlers trawl as freely as though they had never been prohibited. Prays for a warrant to take away their trawls. [*Half a page.*]

June 9. Bulwick. 29. Sir Thomas Roe to Henry Earl of Holland. Has adventured to communicate to him some of his private exercises; first, that he may see how the writer spends his time, and that although he is laid aside, yet his pulse will beat right in every air. Not being transported with country sports, he can yet use them as a parenthesis, and keep the sense of his thoughts entire; next, that having been censured for partiality to the King of Sweden or the States of Holland, he might set out his own picture. In this paper he has anatomised his heart towards every Prince and State. Avows his favour to the United States, but he is neither Swede nor Spaniard, Dutch nor French, but a good Englishman. Sends this paper to the Earl, because for the likeness they will be welcome to him, his own heart concurring in these principles. [*Two pages and a half.*] *Inclosed,*

29. I. *Discourse concerning the Allies of England. Sir Thomas reviews the foreign policy of England under Elizabeth, shows what are the conflicting interests of most of the nations of Europe, and points out Sweden and the United Netherlands as the natural allies of this country.* [*Seventeen pages.*]

June 9? 30. Note of four particular instances of persons summoned for non-payment of tithes in London. The persons were Thomas Francis, of St. Mary Staining, John Michelborne and William Lewis, of St. Stephen's Walbrook, and Simon Gibbon, of St. Matthew's, Friday Street, with additional particulars of the cases of William Gore and David Edwards, in St. Martin's Orgar. [*One page.*]

June 10. 31. Account of distribution of 4*l.* given by Bishop Bancroft to the servants of Archbishop Abbot on the Bishop's consecration to the see of Oxford. [*One page.*]

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June 10. 32. List of trawl nets taken this day by Capt. Austen, with the names of the owners. [*Half a page. Received by Nicholas on 20th inst.*]

June 11. 33. Justices of Peace for co. Warwick to the Council. They have viewed the coal-pit in Griff Lane, being the King's highway to London from Lancashire and other counties northward. The pit was begun to be sunk by John Buggs and Thomas Robinson, who paid the workmen, but all they did was at the appointment of John Newdigate, owner (as he pretends) of the soil. Buggs and Robinson being now in London, the writers have discharged the colliers, and required Newdigate to forbear until he has given their Lordships' satisfaction. [*One page.*]

June 11. 34. Sir Robert Killigrew, Captain of the Fort of Pendennis, to the Council of War. Opinion of the ill policy of the reduction of the last fifty men added to the garrison of Pendennis. Sir Robert shows the importance of the fort, the inadequacy of the garrison, and the small amount of saving to be thus effected. If they determine to make the reduction, desires that his protestation may be kept. [*One page.*]

June 11. 35. Orders of the Council of War that the Committee of the same Council should take a course to distinguish at the Isles of Guernsey and Jersey what is the King's and what the Governor's, and to that purpose a certificate of the late Lord Conway and Sir William Bird, presented to the Council about 15 years ago, be taken into consideration; also that the protestation of Sir Robert Killigrew, calendared above, should be considered when Sec. Coke was present. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 11. 36. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Council of War this day. In addition to the businesses mentioned above, there was a communication to be made to the Council respecting the importance of Upnor Castle, and the necessity for the captain being an able man and continually resident. The Lords were also to be requested to consider of instructions for the Governors of all forts and castles. [*One page and a half.*]

June 11. 37. Minutes by Nicholas of the proceedings of the Council of War this day. They related principally to the subjects mentioned before; protest of Sir Robert Killigrew; the captainship of Upnor Castle; general instructions to captains of castles; and the inquiry respecting Guernsey and Jersey. [*Two pages.*]

June 11. Mitton. 38. Foulke Reed to George Rawden. Sends note of the horses and last wood sale, and will send an account of the rents received to Easter if his Lordship wishes it. [*Half a page.*]

June 11. 39. Examination of John Black, in the Court of Admiralty, stated in the indorsement to be "on behalf of Colonel Fleetwood." Witness was master's mate of the Loyalty, appointed by Edward

Burwood as her master. Burwood was authorized by Harris to let the ship to freight to Smyth. [*Copy. Three quarters of a page.*]

June [12?] 40. Henry Payne and thirty-one others, inhabitants and tenants of the manor of Soham, co. Cambridge, to the Council. State their endeavours to execute a warrant for the arrest of Thomas Hills, Roger Langham, and others, who had riotously cast down certain ditches and fences made by Lord Chief Justice Heath in Soham. In consequence of the general resistance of the people, Langham only had been arrested. [*One page.*]

June 12. 41. Justices of Peace for Wilts to the same. State measures taken for relief of the poor within the division of Warminster. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 12. Greenwich. 42. Sec. Coke to Francis Windebank. The King has taken notice of Windebank's worth and long service, and has made choice of him to be one of [his] principal secretaries. He will attend on the morrow in the inner Star Chamber in the afternoon, when the Council sits, and Coke will then make known his Majesty's pleasure and give order to take Windebank's oath. He is glad of so good a brother in office. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 12. 43. Dr. Aylett to Bishop Laud. Certificate concerning certain lecturers in Essex, upon inquiry made by order of the Bishop. The inquiry principally affected their conformity. The places referred to are Rochford, Dedham, Wetherfield, Felstead, Manningtree, Walden, Finchingfield, Colchester, Copford, Birch Magna, Chelmsford, and Much Waltham. Some cases of omission of the surplice in reading prayers were reported, and in two cases the lecturers did not come into the church until after the prayers had been read. [*Three pages.*]

June 13. 44. Petition of John Mears, gunner's mate of the Tenth Whelp, to the Lords of the Admiralty. For some misdemeanors of Rice Thomas, gunner of the Tenth Whelp, the Lords are purposed to take his place from him. Prays that it may be conferred on petitioner. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

44. I. *John Reynolds to Nicholas. Certificate of the ability of John Mears.* [*Half a page. Received by Nicholas on 13th June* 1632.]

June 13. Star Chamber. 45. Sec. Coke to Francis Windebank. By negligence of the bearer Windebank's letter [*Coke's letter to Windebank of the 12th inst., No.* 42.] was not delivered in time for him to be at the Star Chamber that afternoon. He is sent again with another appointment for Friday afternoon. Windebank must not give the messenger a reward. [*Half a page.*]

June 13. Fulham House. 46. Bishop Laud to the same. Although he thinks perchance that the Bishop is apt enough to jest, yet he knows Windebank will believe the inclosed [*probably the preceding letter*]. This after-

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noon Sec. Coke by the King's command is to declare it to the Lords. So now Windebank has a second cure to attend as well as his son-in-law. "The name of the parish is S. Troubles." Prays he may have as much health as business. Has sent Dr. Dick to bring him the news, that the women may abuse him for his last week's knavery. Begs him to make haste up. The very naming him to this place will make them at Oxford look well to his son. Took another conventicle of separatists yesterday morning in the very brake where the King's stag should have been lodged for his hunting next morning. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 13. Trinity House, Ratcliffe. 47. Report of the Master and others of the Trinity House. They state various reasons why the making of a ballast shore at South Shields, six miles on this side Newcastle, is convenient for navigation and for the public good. The grounds assigned are, conveniency of the place, tendency to scour the channel, and to increase the burthen of ships employed in the coal trade. [*Two pages.*]

June 13. 48. Duplicate of the preceding. [*Two pages.*]

June 13. 49. Attested copy of the same, certified 4 March 1633. [*Two pages.*]

June 14. 50. Petition of Judith Newman, widow of Richard Newman, to the King. On a petition with a certificate annexed of the services performed by her husband as clerk to the late Commissioners of the Navy, the King ordered that such Commissioners should take a course for her relief. They having certified that 2*s.* per diem would be a reasonable allowance for her, she prays a privy seal for the same. *Underwritten,*

50. I. *Reference to the Lords of the Admiralty to give order for payment of the* 2*s. per diem to the Commissioners. Greenwich,* 1632, *June* 14. [*Petition and reference one page.*]

June 14. 51. Petition of Richard Hals, purser of the St. Claude, to Lord Treasurer Weston and the rest of the Lords of the Admiralty. States past services and that the St. Claude has been given to the Lord Treasurer. Prays appointment to the ship now building at Deptford. *Underwritten,*

51. I. *Captain John Mason to Nicholas. It is the Lord Treasurer's pleasure that he recommend this petitioner to the Lords of the Admiralty.* 1632, *June* 14. [*Petition and letter one page.*]

June 14. 52. Sir Sampson Darrell to Nicholas. Received letter from the Lords of the Admiralty for speedy supplying the four ships in the Narrow Seas with victuals. Has long and often attended the Lord Treasurer, and acquainted him, Sir Robert Pye, and Mr. Lake, that by reason of the arrears due to the writer he is utterly unable to supply these ships at this time. Begs him to let the Lord

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Treasurer know that the writer borrowed money to imprest to get ready these provisions, but that he cannot procure the delivery without this money. One word from my Lord to Mr. Dawes would open this obstruction. The writer has disbursed more money than he has received even upon this year. The Lord Treasurer is noble, and loves to hear and do reason; when he has leisure, Nicholas's, opportunities are more with him; prays him to relate this favourably for the writer desires the continuance of his favour. [*One page.*]

June 14. Bristol. 53. Thomas Morgan to Nicholas. Readiness of the pinnaces at Bristol. Necessity of a course to be taken for their further supply of victuals. The writer has advanced nearly 200*l.* already, and wishes to know what course he should take. Mr. Brooke, master of the Ninth Whelp, desires a warrant for pressing sufficient men for his ship, respecting which he wrote to Nicholas and Sec. Coke. [*One page.*]

June 15. Whitehall. 54. The Council to the Keeper of the Clink, or his deputy. Warrant to discharge Jasper Loberie upon certificate of the Clerk of the Council that he has given security. [*One page. This warrant is signed by "Francis Windebank," who was this day sworn, and took his seat in the Council as Secretary of State. Reg. Conc. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 86.]

June 15. 55. Petition of Francis Bassett, Vice-Admiral of the North of Cornwall, to the Lords of the Admiralty. By warrant from the Court of Admiralty petitioner caused Richard Michell, of St. Merrian, in Cornwall, to be arrested, who beat the officer, caused his son Henry Michell to stab at him with a knife, and so rescued himself, threatening still the death of the officer. Prays that the two Michells may be sent for by warrant. [*One page. Received by Nicholas* 15 *June* 1632.]

June 15. Bristol. 56. William Brooke, Master of the Ninth Whelp, to Nicholas. Sends inclosed a letter for Sec. Coke to certify their readiness and the state of their ship. If he be not at home begs Nicholas to communicate the contents to the Lords of the Admiralty. [*Half a page.*]

June 15. 57. Justices of Peace for Salop to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. Send certificate of their measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Pimhill. [*Half a page.*]

June 16. The Convertive, in the Downs. 58. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Acknowledges the receipt of their command for assisting the farmers of the Customs, which he has been very careful of, though until then he had been without warrant for the same. He has likewise within fourteen days sent up the river to the farmers the Falcon, of London, and the Amity, of London, both from St. Christopher's, and wishes a similar warrant for so doing. Sends a note from Capt. Stradling about the misconduct of Rice Thomas, and another

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note respecting three men who lately run away from the Convertive, whom he desires may be pursued and punished, for his crew are now grown so insolent that he cannot send a boat ashore for water but one or other runs away. There have been at least 100 run away from the fleet since the beginning of the voyage, and it will never be otherwise till some suffer for it. Was told yesterday that three of the French King's ships at Bordeaux are burnt, by what accident is not known. [*One page.*]

June 16. The Downs. 59. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. As soon as he had sent Capt. Plumleigh Nicholas's last letter, with the inclosures, he came aboard with a great deal of expressions of love, and acquainted him what Nicholas had written about his going to Ireland. Has sent Capt. Stradling twice to see if there were any trawlers off the Foreland. He could find but one. Pennington's lieutenant has returned from France. Has sent him up to the Lord Treasurer. Incloses an abstract of what he has seen and heard, but Nicholas is to keep it to himself. Fears by his relation that Capt. Digby will give little content where he is. He is a strange man for a command. Begs him to spur the Lords forward about sending after the runaways, and their severe punishment. Knows not how to fill their places. Wishes to know who is to succeed Sir Isaac Wake. Expects victuals daily. He formerly sent a copy of Capt. Digby's commission, because he feared what has come to pass. Would have sent Capt. Stradling, but he had sent up a dozen of his men with a St. Christopher man. Begs a letter of news. [*Three pages.*] *Inclosed,*

59. 1. *Statement by Lieutenant Carteret of the numbers of ships of war ready to set sail, or in preparation, at St. Malo, Honfleur, Havre de Grace, and other ports in France.* [*One page.*]

June 16. The Convertive, in the Downs. 60. The same to Lord Treasurer Weston. His lieutenant, sent to the French ports to see what ships were ready, has been very careful and will give his Lordship an exact account of his employment. Cannot conceive for what purpose they should prepare so many ships, Begs that the lieutenant may be satisfied for his travel and charge. A French bark from Bordeaux reports the destruction of three of the French King's ships there by accidental fire. The writer begs that he may have sent to him "that little money" which he was promised before his coming away. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

60. 1. *Another copy of the statement of Lieutenant Carteret, inclosed in the previous letter.* [*One page. This copy was sent to Nicholas by Mr. Lake, probably to be laid before the Lords of the Admiralty.*]

June 16. 61. Capt. Henry Bell to Henry Viscount Falkland. The writer's wife was told by Lord Falkland how foul his business appeared before the Council, and that certain letters were conceived to be forged. In defence of his honest name sends a relation, wherein he

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has expressed the plain and simple truth, which he will maintain upon his life. There is nothing foul, forged, or counterfeit in the business, but on the contrary it is as just, true, and clear as ever came before them. Has sought nothing more instantly than to be called to give an account. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

61. I. *Narrative of Capt. Henry Bell's services performed in the time of the late King, first, in a mission to Saxony in* 1616, *and second, in relation to a proposed meeting in* 1618, *between the Empress of Germany and Elizabeth, the Electress Palatine, which Capt. Bell was employed to prevent. In reward of those services the present King had ordered a privy seal to be drawn up for payment of* 5,000*l.* [*Four pages and a half.*]

June 16. London. 62. Robert Naper to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk. Being in London understands that Mr. Sydenham, Captain of the Castle of Portland, is a suitor to have wrecks, pirates' goods, and other privileges of Admiralty within the Island of Portland, which is the principal part of the jurisdiction of the Vice-Admiralty of co. Dorset. All Vice-Admirals before the Earl have enjoyed the same, and they are granted to him, and the writer is accountable to him for them as Deputy Vice-Admiral. If Mr. Sydenham's suit should prevail it may occasion much combustion in the execution of the writer's place. [*One page. Received by Nicholas* 24 *June* 1632.]

June 17. 63. Sir John Lambe to Sec. Coke. Received back his petition from the Master of Requests and sends it to the Sec. Hopes his suit is not unreasonable, being but a reference to the Lord Keeper to view the examinations and grant relief in equity. The letters sent to the Bishop of Lincoln were for his appearance last term, and the report of his being sick made the stay that was then. On 12 June an affidavit was made of serving these letters. The clerks say that the next thing is an attachment. [*One page.*]

June 17? 64. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Capt. Pennington and he are well pieced again, and the fault of any new breach shall not be with the writer. The Irish employment shall be welcome. If the Lords put him upon an Admiral's charge, he knows no cause why he should not receive an Admiral's pay. When the point is concluded, desires leave to come up to settle his wife and children and to provide necessaries for such an employment. Begs Nicholas to procure him this licence. A Plymouth bark coming through the Downs reports that Capt. Digby has taken a Biscayan pirate commanded by an Englishman about Guernsey and Jersey. Has given his chaplain leave to come to London to solicit his suit, and beseeches Nicholas to help him. [*One page.*]

June 17. 65. Capt. Peter Hone to the same. Beseeches that his petition may be read to-morrow if the Council of War sits. It may happen that petitioner cannot attend, for his old wounds have broken out afresh. Does not presume without ground to have relief from his

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Majesty for his maims and losses in 44 years' service. His defeated hopes have wasted him to less than nothing, and himself, wife, and children are ready to perish for want of due means. [*One page.*]

June 17. 66. Account of fees due to his Majesty's servants on the knighting of Sir Francis Windebank. Total, 56*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* The Earl Marshal, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; gentlemen ushers, 5*l.*; heralds, 6*l.*; sergeants-at-arms, 5*l.*; sergeant porter, 20*s.*; King's harbinger, 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*; King's barber, 20*s.*; the robes, 4*l.*; the trumpeters, 2*l.*; porters at the gate, 20*s.*; coachmen, 10*s.*; drum major, 13*s.* 4*d.*; the jester, 10*s.*; with underwritten receipt of Thomas Cooke, 1632, June 20. [*One page.*]

June 18. Greenwich. 67. The Council to all Mayors, Sheriffs, and other his Majesty's officers. Warrant to apprehend all persons in London and Westminster and 10 miles about who lead a vagabond extravagant life, and deliver them for the employment of Colonel Thomas Saunderson. [*One page. Apparently cancelled.*]

June 18. Westminster. 68. Sir John Thoroughgood to Dr. Rives, Dr. Zouch, Thomas Fotherley, William Alcock, Edward Nicholas, and Richard Wyan. Never brought any account into the Admiralty, neither understands why they should expect an account from him. Has no place which gives him any relation to that Court as an accountant or otherwise. Has accounted for money received for his late master [the Duke of Buckingham], to his administrator. [*One page.*]

June 19. 69. Certificate of John Williams and others, that they have seen demolished a building lately erected by Mr. Withers, a draper in Canning [Cannon?] Street, complained of and declared to be set up contrary to the proclamation. [*Half a page.*]

June 20. Greenwich. Proclamation, inhibiting resort to the Court for cure of the king's evil until Christmas next, and to restrain access from infected places to the King, Queen, or Prince. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 153.]

June 20. Greenwich. Proclamation commanding the gentry to keep their residence at their mansions in the country, and forbidding them to make their habitations in London and places adjoining. [*Ibid., No.* 154.]

June 20. The Second Lion's Whelp, in Dover Road. 70. Capt. Simon Digby to the Lords of the Admiralty. From 23 May to 18 June, has been plying about Guernsey and Jersey, and the other channel islands, to free them from sea rovers. Three small Biscay vessels, of 10 or 12 tons apiece, were accustomed to lurk about the smaller islands. He endeavoured to take them, but their vessels go so extraordinary well, with sails and oars, that he thinks it impossible. Ships or pinnaces are not for that place, by reason of the rocks that lie about them. All the pirates have taken is five oxen and 40 sheep for victualling, which they took the 8th inst. from the island next adjoining to "Olderne" [Alderney]. The coast being clear, and his ship wanting victuals, he thought fit to return. Three of the French King's ships are ready to come forth at St. Malo. [*One page.*]

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June 20. 71. William Bold to Nicholas. Captain Duppa wants a clerk. Requests Nicholas to recommend the writer's kinsman, Hugh Lloyd. [*Half a page.*]

June 20. 72. "Observations touching the licensing of taverns in Oxford," principally extracts from charters and statutes upon the subject. [*Three pages and a half. Probably sent to Bishop Laud, and indorsed as received this day.*]

June 20. 73. Indenture between the Governors, Assistants, and Society of the City of London of the Mines Royal, of the one part, and Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, John Earl of Clare, Lord Chief Justice Heath, and Sir John Brooke, of the other part. Lease of the Reseigh Mine, in the parish of Kentwyn, co. Cornwall, to hold to the persons parties of the second part for 21 years, yielding certain rents in kind to the King and certain money rents to the lessors. [*Does not appear to have been executed. One page.*]

June 21. The Star Chamber. 74. Order of Council. On further consideration of the order of the Council of War for displacing Carew Saunders, captain of the Blockhouse of West Tilbury, and placing Captain John Talbot therein, the said order is confirmed, and it is again ordered that Capt. Talbot be immediately put in possession, the letters patent of Saunders and the consideration of his demeanour being referred to the Attorney General. [*One page and three quarters.*]

June 21? 75. Petition of Serjeant-major Taylor to the Council of War or the Committee of the same. He lost 6*l.* per month by withdrawing out of the Low Countries, besides 44*s.* per month by way of pension, with a promise of a company. He also had from the late Duke of Buckingham assurance of 20*s.* *per diem* for his Lieutenant's place of the Ordnance, the allowance of which was set down by the King in his own hand. Prays that his long service and suffering may be considered, and some place or means be granted him. [*Three quarters of a page. Received by Nicholas on the* 11*th or* 21*st of this month.*]

June 21. Scadbury. 76. Sir Thomas Walsingham to Nicholas. Sends copy answer to the exceptions taken against the writer's account. Has not set down anything he gave Thomas Wyan. He had 40*s.* a time for expedition, but for going to know Sir Henry Marten's pleasure, besides what Sir Henry's man had. Had the writer bribed him still, there would have been no exceptions taken to his account. Were it not for Nicholas, and the sake of him who gave the writer the place, he would rather give it over than have his accounts questioned by such a fellow as Wyan. [*One page.*]

June 21. Coventry. 77. Bishop Morton, of Lichfield and Coventry, to Dr. Buggs. Has received a petition from the Mayor and others of Coventry, setting forth that they are "a great people, and have but one vicar," and intreating the Bishop that they may choose an able minister to be

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approved by the ordinary to preach two sermons every week in St. Michael's church, at their charge. This seems so equal, religious, and Christian a request of devout minds, that the Bishop moves Dr. Buggs to yield to it or give good reason for refusal, otherwise he must by some public instrument establish it. It is doubted by some that Buggs means to take some privilege from his doctorship to remit his former pains in preaching. He will do well to bind himself not to do so, *in verbo sacerdotis.* [*One page. Indorsed by Bishop Laud.*]

June 21. 78. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to Gregory Brokesby, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken by them for relief of the poor within the hundred of Gartree. [*One page.*]

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June 22. Whitehall. 1. Order of Council. On information of outrages committed in the grounds of Lord Chief Justice Heath at Soham, by Thomas Hills and others, a warrant was directed to Thomas Hinson, Thomas Clarke, Richard Peachey, and others, for apprehending the rioters. Hinson, Clarke, and Peachey pretend to have done their best to execute the warrant, whereas it appears by the information annexed that the conduct of Hinson and Clarke rather tended to the encouragement than the suppression of the offenders. The Attorney General is to examine Hinson, Clarke, and Peachey, and to certify his opinion. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

1. I. *Statement or information above mentioned. Hinson and Clarke went away the moment there was shown opposition, leaving two of the party who were more active (one being Daniel White, a servant of Lord Chief Justice Heath's), in the hands of the mob. They took no weapons with them, nor made any endeavour to capture the delinquents by force.* [*One page and a quarter.*]

June 22. The Convertive, in the Downs. 2. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Coke. Has sent the Tenth Whelp over for Calais to bring word when the body of the Ambassador will be there, and has ordered Capt. Plumleigh to be ready with his ship to stand over for the corpse. Attends their further orders either for transporting the Earl of Leicester or what else. Has but sixteen days' victuals remaining, and hears of no supply. Desires to know whether the Earl is to be transported to the Elbe or the Sound, that he may get a pilot. Capt. Digby is returned with the Second Whelp, and states that he left Guernsey and Jersey free of pirates. A Holland man-of-war reports that the States have taken in Maestricht.

June 22. Tickenham. 3. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Thomas Luttrell, the Sheriff. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Portbury, Hartcliff, and Bedminster. [*Four pages.*]

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June 22. 4. Examination of Robert Isgar before Attorney General Noy, respecting the sale by Thomas Hilliard, saltpetreman, of saltpetre made at his Majesty's works to Parker, Baber, Corseley, and Nichols, powder makers. [*Two pages.*] *Annexed,*

4. 1. *Another statement or examination of Robert Isgar, signed by Attorney General Noy, and apparently in the nature of a continuation of the preceding, or an addition to it.* [*One page.*]

June 22. 5. Similar examination of James Plummer. [*One page.*] *Prefixed,*

5. 1. *Statement of Plummer upon the same subject, signed by him in the presence of Sec. Coke and other persons.* 1632, *April* 14. [*One page and a half.*]

June 23. 6. Petition of William Cradock, preacher to Sir William St. Leger's regiment in the Cadiz expedition, to the Council of War. Leaving all his other hopes of preferment, petitioner entered on that service on the call of his Majesty's letters to the University of Cambridge, and after his return waited so long for his preferment (which is a small benefice, promised by the late Duke of Buckingham to be bettered), that he spent all his estate and ran himself in debt, so that he was forced to retire into the country, where he did not hear of his Majesty's payment of these services till of late. Prays order to take his accounts, and pay him what is due. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 23. Lincoln. 7. Edward Dymock to Sec. Windebank. This present Saturday, Mr. Morecock brought him the news of the Sec.'s exaltation, which gave the writer such joy of heart that he cannot contain himself. Wants but four years of fourscore, and *neque pes, neque mens, satis suum officium facit.* Wishes him many prosperous days and years. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 23. 8. Nathaniel Bernard to Bishop Laud. Being in danger of being overwhelmed by the opposition and persecution of those among whom he was born and educated, he appeals to the Bishop for protection. Lat. Bernard signs himself "Atrebattius," *i.e.*, native of Berkshire, the portion of England occupied by the Atrebatii. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud, "Recep. Junii* 23, 1632. *Nathaniel "Bernard's petition against Mr. White, of Dorchester." One page.*]

June 24. Greenwich. Proclamation commanding a due execution of the laws concerning Lent and fasting days. [*Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 155.]

June 24. 9. Petition of Andrew Burton, Richard Hulett, John Burton, and Felix Wilson, executors of the late Henry Fryer, to the King. Petitioners by testator's will were directed to settle the remainder of his lands to such charitable uses as they thought fit. Testator's elder brother, John Fryer, was disinherited, both by his father and brother deservedly, but having instituted proceedings in the Court of

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Wards, petitioners consented to a reference to Mr. Justice Harvey, who is nearly allied to John Fryer, and he certified that John Fryer ought to have the whole estate, which is contrary to the testator's will. Petitioners pray the King to settle the lands to the charitable use of repairing St. Paul's, the lands lying in the city of London. *Underwritten,*

9. I. *Reference to the Lord Keeper, Bishop Laud, and Sec Coke, calling to them the Attorney General, to consider how to settle the estate to the use suggested. Greenwich, 1632, June.* [*Petition and reference one page. Indorsed "* 24*to Junii* 1632.*"*]

June 24. 10. Bill of services and disbursements of Sir John Finet, Master of the Ceremonies, for attendance upon Ambassadors from 31 May 1631 to this day; total, 143*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* [*Three pages.*]

June 24. 11. Michael Osbaldston to George Rawden. Begs him to speak a good word to Lord Conway that the writer may have a renewal of his "warrant of Caines." If he cannot succeed the writer will make a hard shift to come up himself. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 25. Greenwich. 12. Lords of the Admiralty to Francis Bassett, Vice-Admiral of North Cornwall. Few accounts of Vice-Admirals being brought into the Admiralty Court, they have commanded the Judge to summon every Vice-Admiral to send in his accounts by the 20th April next. Send him instructions, which are in effect those given by the late Lord Admiral. [*One page. The letter seems to have been sent by Bassett to Nicholas that he might see Bassett "dared not falter "with him."*]

June 25. Lambeth. 13. Archbishop Abbot to the churchwardens of Pluckley, Kent. Sends them his resolution of certain differences to be shown to Sir Edward Dering, Mr. Bettenham, and Mr. Copley, and to be kept in their church. *Inclosed,*

13. I. *Determination of Archbishop Abbot concerning the differences in the church of Pluckley between Sir Edward Dering and —— Bettenham. As patron and ordinary, the Archbishop should have been consulted before any alteration had been made in the church. The burying place made by Sir Edward Dering is to remain, but when the vault is opened some satisfaction is to be given to the churchwardens. The passages to the leads, both the old one and the one made by Sir Edward Dering, are to be stopped up. An old tombstone, whereon has been lately cut some scutcheons and inscriptions, is not to be replaced, but to remain where it is, and Sir Edward to pay for the stone. The question respecting certain arms is left to the Lord Marshal. The gentlemen to love and embrace as neighbours.* [*One page.*]

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June 25. 14. Attorney General Noy to the Council. Sends examination of William Long, an innkeeper at Trowbridge, charged to have abused one of the messengers of the chamber. The things charged were acted in July, almost a year ago, and no complaint made till April, for which the messenger makes certain excuses. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

14. I. *Examination of William Long. On last St. James's day, Jasper Heily, one of the messengers, was at his house, but examinate did not see him that night. Next morning he complained to examinate that he could not get any supper nor sheets to his bed. Has heard that a stranger cast out a basin of water, some of which fell on Heily. Never spake a word of Walter Long, nor heard him mentioned. Examinate is Walter Long's father's brother, and there are suits in law between them. Never heard of this complaint until* 23 *April last.* [*One page.*]

June 25. St. Peter's College, Cambridge. 15. Dr. Matthew Wren, Dean of Windsor, to Sec. Windebank. Congratulates him on what he hears, and beseeches God to give him good luck with these honours, to the good of the State and the poor Church, and to the joy of all who love him. [*Half a page.*]

June 25. 16. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend William Onion to be cook in the ship now ready to be launched at Woolwich. [*One page.*]

June 25. Bristol. 17. Robert Kitchen to the same. The carpentry work of the Fifth and Ninth Whelps has been finished at a cost of 450*l.* There remain some small businesses to be done on board, carpenters' stores, pilots' wages, and fresh supplies for the surgeons. Requests order on the Treasurer of Navy for clearing all these. The money transmitted from Ireland was but 426*l.* [*One page.*]

June 25. Bristol. 18. The same to Nicholas. Repeats the information in the preceding letter, and begs his assistance in procuring the desired order. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 25. Bristol. 19. Thomas Morgan to the same. Some of their stores have arrived. Begs answer to his last letter. It is reported that there are picking [picaroon ?] men-of-war in St. George's Channel. [*Half a page. Faded.*]

June 25. 20. Propositions of the Mayor and others of Coventry made to Dr. Samuel Buggs, respecting their appointment of a learned and conformable preacher to preach two sermons every week in St. Michael's church. [*Three quarters of a page. It is stated by Bishop Laud that these propositions were made "after the Bishop's "* [*Bishop Morton's*] *letter" to Dr. Buggs.*]

June 25. 21. Account by Francis Morice of ordnance required by the Governor of Portsmouth for the fortification of that place. [*One page.*]

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June 26. 22. Petition of Cornellison Bours and Company, Merchants of Horne, in Holland, and owners of the Young Swan, of that place, to the Council. State the course of proceedings in their dispute with George Rookes and Robert Grove (*see Vol.* clxxxv., *No.* 8.), and pray for an order that Sir Henry Marten may proceed to a trial in the Court of Admiralty, and there decide the cause according to justice. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 26. Mincing Lane. 23. Sir Henry Palmer to Sec. Coke. The most advantageous way for building the ships next year will be to mould the timber in the woods, and get it ready to the water's side. Begs him to move for 800*l.*, to enable the Officers of the Navy to accomplish the same. [*One page.*]

June 26. Aldingberne House. 24. Bishop Mountague, of Chichester, to Sec. Windebank. Is glad that he must now style him "Right Honorable," for his own sake, his friends' sake, and especially for the Church's sake, which now has two good arches to rely upon. The writer's son has informed the writer that he thereby loses the sight of Windebank this summer at Aldingberne, where he could have welcomed him to a better house than when he was there last. Cannot travel, and God knows whether he shall ever see Windebank or not, but tenders his service and his prayers. [*One page.*]

June 26. Greenwich. 25. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty at their meeting this day, with marginal notes of decisions. To consider guard for the coast of Ireland [*Margin,* Capt. Plumleigh in the Assurance, Capt. Hooke in the Fifth Whelp, Capt. Fogg in the Ninth Whelp]; Directions to Capt. Pennington [*Margin,* Capt. Pennington to transport the Earl of Leicester]; Bassett's petition against Michell and his son [*Margin,* To send for both of them, and some to attend to charge them]; Vice-Admirals of Kent and Essex, warrant to seize trawls [*Margin,* To speak with Sir Henry Marten whether he hath not power enough to suppress trawls]; Capt. Pennington's complaint of the men run away [*Margin,* Officers of the Navy to have order to apprehend them, and commit them to the Marshalsea, to be tried before Sir Henry Marten]; Lord Falkland brings in no money on his account, but delivers in a blank acquittance [*Margin,* His acquittance to be accepted.] [*One page.*]

June 26. Burgett. 26. Capt. Peter Salleneuve to Nicholas. Was suddenly enforced to leave London and his affairs with Nicholas unfinished. Begs his furtherance in procuring the bond, and though Nicholas would not accept any gratuity from his hands, beseeches him to believe that he will not be ungrateful, for which Mr. Wyan will engage his word. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 26. Milverton. 27. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Thomas Luttrell, the Sheriff. Measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Milverton, and the four Wester tithings of Kingsbury. [*Half a page.*]

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June 26. 28. Extract from the books of the Court of Wards of a payment of 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* from Thomas Coxhead, son of Thomas Coxhead, deceased, for rent of a messuage and lands in Benham Lovell in Berks. [*Mutilated.*]

June 26. 29. Order of Lord Keeper Coventry. Refers to the Archbishop of Canterbury the settlement of certain differences relating to the school and almshouse of Sevenoaks. The matters in difference were certain charges demanded by Mr. Pett above the 50*l.* allotted him by a decree of the Court of Chancery, and a lease made to ——— Hunt. [*One page and a quarter.*]

June 26. 30. Examination of Roger Powell the younger, taken before the Attorney General, respecting the sale of saltpetre, by Hilliard's direction, to Baber and Parker, powder makers. [*One page.*]

June 27. Whitehall. 31. Order of Council. Refer to the Lord Treasurer a report made to the Council by Deputies from the Western Ports in conjunction with certain merchants of London, assembled by direction of the Council to consider of an imposition to be laid upon goods exported and imported out of France, whereby reimbursement may be made of moneys expended concerning the arrests of Marteau and Delaune, and the explanation of the treaties of 1605 and 1610, without which the merchants of this kingdom cannot with safety trade thither. The report recommended that 1,000*l.* should be raised for settlement of the process of Marteau and Delaune, half by London and half by the Western Ports, by customs payments on wines and goods imported from France, and that 500*l.* more be raised by similar payments on woollen cloths exported to France, for freeing that trade from the disturbance to which it has lately been subjected in France, by the tumultuousness of the French dyers and clothworkers. [*Six pages and a quarter.*]

June 27. Whitehall. Commissioners for Pious Uses to Sir Henry Marten, Sir Henry Spiller, and the rest of the Sub-Committee for the business of St. Paul's. Thanks for their care in compounding with the owners of houses to be demolished by Midsummer last. Request them to proceed therein. Directions have been given to the Chamberlain of London to pay the compositions. [*Three quarters of a page. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 23.]

June 27. Whitehall. 32. Minutes of proceedings of the Committee of the Council of War. The question of the government of the castles and forts of the kingdom recommended to the consideration of a general Council of War, the opinion of the Committee being that the existing patents for their command should be called in and reformed. Lord Wimbledon, Lord Valentia, and Lord Herbert were appointed to draw up fit instructions for all persons in command of garrisons and forts. [*One page and a half.*]

June 27. 33. Copy of so much of the above minutes as refers to the reference to the Council of War. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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June 27. 34. Copy of so much of the Minutes *No.* 32. as relates to the reference to the Lords Wimbledon, Valentia, and Herbert. [*One page.*]

June 27. 35. Petition of Sir William Courteney to the Council of War. On the invitation of the late Duke of Buckingham petitioner gave up a company in the Low Countries, worth 400*l.* per annum, on a promise of having the command of colonel of a regiment. Sir George Blundell, sergeant-major, being slain, the Duke appointed petitioner to execute his place; and when Sir John Burgh was slain the Duke appointed petitioner Colonel General in his stead. On the return from the Isle of Rhé, commanders who pretended merit of service were directed to represent their demands to the Council of War. Prays them to make such certificate of his service as his merit has deserved. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 27. 36. Examination of Robert Powell taken before the Attorney General concerning the sale of saltpetre to private powder makers by Thomas Hilliard, saltpetreman. [*One page.*]

June 27. 37. Similar examination of Roger Drew. [*One page.*]

June 27. 38. Similar examination of John Bayly. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 27. 39. Examination of Walter Parker concerning his purchase of saltpetre from Thomas Hilliard and his servants. [*One page and a half.*]

June 27. 40. Similar examination of William Baber. [*One page and a quarter.*]

June 27. 41. Petition of Roger Powell, Robert Powell, Roger Drew, Henry Smith, and John Bayly, poor saltpetre workmen, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having been sent for by a messenger, they have continued in custody fourteen days, and having been examined by the Attorney General, have disclosed all their knowledge of the embezzling his Majesty's saltpetre, wherein if they have incurred displeasure it has been through ignorance. Pray discharge without payment of fees. [*Half a page.*]

June 27. 42. Petition of Walter Parker and William Baber, powder makers, to the same. Petitioners were sent for by messenger, and have continued in custody fourteen days. Having been examined by the Attorney General touching the buying of powder from Mr. Hilliard or his servants, they have fully discovered their knowledge therein. Pray that, having offended through ignorance, they may be discharged. [*Half a page.*]

June 27. Notes by Nicholas of business transacted at the meeting of the Council of War on this day. Government of castles and forts, with reference to Lords Wimbledon, Valentia, and Herbert; petitions of Cradock; Sir William Courteney [To be recommended to the King

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as a deserving gentleman]; Sergeant-major Taylor [To be recommended for Upnor Castle]; Capt. Powell [To be recommended to the Lord Deputy for the first company in Ireland]; Capt. Alford [To be recommended as the rest]. [*See* 1632, *June* 11, *Vol.* ccxviii., *No.* 37.]

[June 27 ?] 43. Certificate of Laurence Whitaker of recognizance entered into by William Hatton, brickmaker, of St. Margaret's, Westminster, to appear before the Lords to answer the annoyance given to his Majesty by burning bricks near the way to Hyde Park.

June 28. Westminster. Proclamation concerning the well making of soap. Recites the Letters Patent, dated 20 January 1632, for incorporation of certain persons by the title of the Governors, Assistants, and Fellows of the Society of Soapers, of Westminster, to make soap out of materials growing in this kingdom, and the appointment of Francis Coningsby to be the first Assay Master, for the assay of soap. Prohibits all persons from selling soaps not assayed and marked by him. [*Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 156.]

June 28. Portsmouth. 44. Mayor and others of Portsmouth to the Council. By order of the 26th of May last, received on the 22nd inst., were directed to remove all hedges, rails, and fences, 40 feet from the ramparts. Under favour they conceive they have no power to do so, some of them being in the possession of his Majesty, and the rest belonging to divers freeholders. All may be removed in a quarter of an hour when need shall require. In like manner they were required to remove from the wall between the Quay Gate and the Square Tower all buildings and other impediments. They conceive it not in their power to do so. There is as much passage as there was in the times of the Earls of Sussex and Devonshire, Sir Francis Vere, and the late Lord Steward, except some fences which have been set up for preserving some men's gardens, which will be instantly laid open if there be cause of reparations. [*One page.*]

June 28. 45. Petition of Peter Philcott, master gunner of the Prince Royal, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The French Ambassador being sent on board the said ship, petitioner by command of the Comptroller spent the greatest part of his store of powder. Prays for a fresh supply. [*Half a page.*]

June 28. Bridgewater. 46. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Thomas Luttrell, the Sheriff. Certify that they have done their endeavours for relief of the poor according to his Majesty's printed instructions. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 29. 47. Officers of the Navy to William Brooke, master of the Ninth Lion's Whelp. Warrant authorizing him to press able seamen at Bristol and elsewhere for the full manning of the said pinnace. [*One page.*]

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June 29. 48. Sir Francis Stewart to Nicholas. Conceives that the main rub in his business at the last meeting of the Lords of the Admiralty was the Rear-Admiral's double pay. The Duke of Buckingham's warrant shows that he was commanded to that place, but if his Majesty has already paid it to another, God forbid that the writer should put him to double charge. Freely relinquishes it, and begs Nicholas that the writer may know their Lordships' resolutions. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 29. Gillmorton. 49. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Leicester of presentments made to them of the punishment of vagrants within the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 30. 50. Petition of John de Leuw, mariner of Campvere, in Zealand, to the King. A hoy of petitioner's, laden with beer and dressing cards, in April 1631, was chased ashore in Sheppey, near Queenborough, by a Dunkirker. Being carried off by the company of the Dunkirker, she was cast away in the entrance of the harbour of Dunkirk, and pillaged. Directions were given to the King's agent at Brussels to procure redress, and petitioner has waited for the same for twelve months in vain. The States General having sent back into England a [Dunkirk] frigate, which two of their men-of-war had taken about the Reculvers in December last, petitioner prays that the same may be appraised and delivered to petitioner upon security for her restoration, on the Dunkirkers giving him reasonable satisfaction. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

June 30. Bulwick. 51. Sir Thomas Roe to S. J. W. [Sir John Wolstenholme?]. Cannot be so far removed out of the world as to forget the hearty expressions of love he has received from him. In his retirement, which the perverse judgment of the erring world thinks a punishment, he enjoys all the good news with as much felicity as he does who has it two days sooner, and the difference at most is but such as the seer of a play has above the reader. Shall be glad to hear from him, because his heart beats with a public pulse, and his thoughts have never been so private but that he has laboured for the good of his country, and made his business mixed. Desires to hear how the King of Sweden and Holland prosper, and what the pirates do, and what provision the State makes against them. Because he can only pray for his Majesty and the good cause, he will do that. [*Copy. One page and a half.*]

June 30. Bulwick. The same to Lord Treasurer Weston. Congratulates him on the marriage of his son. Has an inward sense and interest in every addition to the Lord Treasurer, whether of honour or content. Puts him in mind of the money due to the writer from his Majesty. Such sums are a great breach in his estate, and he has no other hope but to live of his own. Attended the three last terms, and is unwilling to come to London again until he knows the Lord Treasurer is ready. Begs him to make it a case of conscience not to bruise a reed. [*Copy written on the same paper as the preceding. One page.*]

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June 30. Senate House, Cambridge. 52. Vice-Chancellor and Senate of the University of Cambridge to Sec. Wennybank [Windebank]. Congratulate him on his accession to the Secretaryship. Lat. [*One page. Indorsed by Windebank, "Delivered to me by Mr. Creighton, Greek professor of that Uni-"versity, 8 July, at Greenwich."*]

[June 30?] 53. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty. The saltpetremen and powder makers have been examined and attend their Lordships' pleasure for their discharge; to consider estimates for timber for building two ships; warrant to take away trawls desired by the Vice-Admirals of Kent and Essex; Sir Philip Carteret desires one of the Whelps may transport him and his three sons to Jersey, for the Biscayan pirates are very bold on that coast; Sir Francis Stewart stands not upon Rear-Admiral's pay for the Cadiz voyage; to settle instructions for Capt. Plumleigh for guard of the coast of Ireland; to move the King not to grant commission to Bristol or any other place to send ships to sea, power having been granted to their Lordships for that purpose. [*One page.*]

[June?] 54. The King to the Lieutenant of the Tower. He is in the King's name to require all those who have any interests in any ground within the Tower, to see to the cleansing of the ditches thereof, which, if they perform not, they are to expect the pulling down of their houses. [*Copy. One page and a half.*]

[June?] 55. The same to Attorney General Noy. Some lands in London and co. Buckingham having escheated to the King by the death of Sir Miles Hobart, it is the King's pleasure that they be conferred for the perpetual maintenance of some scholars of Guernsey and Jersey in the University of Oxford, that they may be the better informed of the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England. The person addressed is to attend the Archbishop of Canterbury, and to take a course for establishing the King's interest in the same, and for conferring some part thereof upon his poor kinswoman, whose father was attainted of piracy. [*One page. Draft in Attorney General Noy's handwriting. Indorsed by Bishop Laud, "The form of a warrant for Mr. Attorney, &c."*]

[June?] 56. Petition of John Clifton to the Lords of the Admiralty. States the contents of his petition of 29 March last (*see Vol.* ccxiv., *No.* 80.), and the report thereon of Sir William Russell, Sir John Wolstenholme, and Sir Kenelm Digby. Prays order that he may receive the 250*l.*, which they awarded him as a reward. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[June?] Estimate by the Lords of the Admiralty and Officers of the Navy, of the expense of converting timber to the mould in the woods for two new ship's frames, to be built in the year 1633; total, 853*l.* [*See Vol.* ccix., *p.* 96.]

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June. 57. John Ashburnham to Nicholas. Begs him to solicit for the writer to Sir Robert Pye. He has promised 150*l.*, but 200*l.* would be much more acceptable, because there will be much of it eaten up in fees. [*One page.*]

[June?] 58. Eliza Viscountess Falkland to Sec. Windebank. It has pleased her Lord to make her address her unknown self to the Sec., for a licence for a gentleman and his wife to remain in London, being necessitated by his occasions. She was as glad of the Sec.'s advancement as any servant he has, and offers the services of a "collapsed "lady," as he had called her. [*One page. Signed "E. M. Falk-"land;" previous letters have been signed "E. Falkland."*]

June. 59. "Motives for good allowance for attending the business of the "Council of War, &c.," which seem to be reasons for a considerable payment on that account to William Boswell. [*One page.*]

June. 60. List of persons for whom the King had been moved by the Lord Chamberlain, for licences to remain in London or other towns, notwithstanding the proclamation of the 20th inst. for the gentry to keep their residence at their mansions in the country, with additions in the handwriting of Sec. Coke. Among the persons mentioned are the Viscountess Dorchester, her only house in the country being in building by her husband's will; Sir Lucius Cary to dwell in Coventry, by his father the Lord Viscount Falkland's motion. [*One page.*]

[June?] 61. Similar list of persons for whom licences were solicited by the Countess of Denbigh. [*One quarter of a page.*]

[June.] 62. Copy Order of the Court of Exchequer, on the application of Walter Dyer, boatswain of one of his Majesty's ships, for repayment of a distress of 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, levied upon his goods by the Sheriff of Kent, for not appearing as a juror at the Assizes at Maidstone. Dated 6 February, 19th James, *i.e.* 1622, but indorsed as received June 1632. [*Two pages.*]

[June?] 63. Brief on the part of Hugh Boscawen, in a suit for the establishment of a nuncupative codicil to the will of Edward Boscawen, deceased. In the codicil in question, he limited a general bequest to his wife contained in his will to a life interest, and gave his estate after her decease to his nephew, Hugh Boscawen, of Tregothnen. [*Five pages and a half.*]

[June?] 64. Brief in the same cause on behalf of Jane Boscawen, the widow. The testator resided at St. Michael, Penkevell, co. Cornwall, and died on the 13th February 1620. Jane Boscawen, before her marriage with the testator, was the widow of William Roberts, and was worth in her widowhood from 800*l.* to 1,000*l.* [*Seven pages and a half.*]

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1632. [June ?] 65. Brief on behalf of Sir Thomas Jenkinson against Joan Freeman *alias* Jenkinson, his pretended wife. The suit was instituted to determine the validity of a marriage alleged to have been celebrated between these parties on the 28th January 1631, by James Finch, clerk. [*Thirteen pages. Much damaged by damp.*]

June. 66. Fly leaf with this date, and indorsed "Examinations concerning the abuses of Hilliard, a saltpetreman," and in another place and hand "Saltpetremen." [*Quarter of a page.*]

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July 1. Bulwick. 1. Sir Thomas Roe to Sir Francis Nethersole. Received from his gracious mistress [the Queen of Bohemia] a favour, and therein as she says, a riddle, which Nethersole only can decipher, and to none but Roe. Will not write it, because she writes it warily, and Roe does not know where Nethersole constantly lives in London. If he can guess it, Nethersole will do Roe a favour, if not, they shall meet with freedom. Hears on all sides there is great expectation that all is upon the brink of engagement. God fight with them. Longs to hear that we are declared and accepted in that cause, without whose prosperity we cannot be safe, nor with their victories, unless we interest ourselves in their success. [*One page.*]

July 2. Calais Road. 2. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Sec. Coke. Has attended the coming of Sir Isaac Wake's body since the 27 June, but as yet cannot assure the Sec. when it will come. Has but six days' victuals left, yet is resolved not to stir thence for three or four days, because he is informed it is on the way. [*One page.*]

July 2. 3. Sir Hugh Cholmeley to Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord President of the North. On Saturday last there landed two Frenchmen in a little boat belonging to Whitby, showing letters of marque from the Archduchess, and pretending to furnish themselves with victuals for a little bark left upon the sea at a small distance without the harbour, of which one of the Frenchmen said he was the captain, the other lieutenant. They were instantly charged by a man of Yarmouth to be pirates, and to have robbed his ship, whereupon they were brought before Sir Hugh. He charged them to send directions for their ship, which affrighted the inhabitants, to come into the harbour. They did so, but the men on board refused, sending an answer by a little Dutch boy, who said he was taken out of a Hollander which they captured, and that they had taken many English ships, and had good store of money. The ship has not above 23 men, and the town think if they had authority they could surprise her. Craves to know his pleasure. [*One page.*]

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July 2. 4. Petition of inhabitants of Chelsea to Bishop Laud. Pray him to command Mr. William Norris, their curate, to deliver to him a copy of a sermon preached by him on St. John Baptist's day last, for that they conceive the matter and scope thereof most unfitting the honour and profession of a divine in holy orders, and most injurious to his auditory. [*Three quarters of a page. Indorsed by Bishop Laud as received this day.*]

July 3. 5. Petition of Capt. Dawtry Cooper to the King. On his petitions the King has several times granted him employment at sea, but he has still been put by in consequence of the King's pleasure not being signified to the Lords of the Admiralty under handwriting. There is at this present employment for Ireland. Prays the King to grant him the same, and to signify it under his blessed hand. [*Half a page. Indorsed by Nicholas, as delivered to him this day by Mr. Kirke, with direction to tell the Lords that the King, being well persuaded of the abilities of the petitioner, recommended his request to their consideration.*]

July 3. 6. Petition of the same to the Lords of the Admiralty. About two years ago they gave their warrant for petitioner to take charge of the Ninth Whelp, but by the importunity of Sir Thomas Button they called petitioner back, to his loss of 80*l.*, besides the loss of his son, his nephew, and all that he had, in the Seventh Whelp, and his expenditure in 18 months' attendance. Prays for the employment in Ireland, which Capt. Fogg would be glad to get rid of. [*One page.*]

July 3. 7. Petition of Thomas Coningsby to the same. One Hilliard, who had a commission for making saltpetre in cos. Somerset, Wilts, Hants, and Dorset, has misdemeaned himself so that he is to be censured in the Star Chamber, and as petitioner conceives will lose his commission. Prays them to grant him a similar commission when Hilliard shall be censured to lose the same. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 3. Collingbourne. 8. Francis Andrewes to Nicholas. Sends him particulars of Conholt farm, which Mr. Corderoy desires to sell. Francis, son of Lady Lucy, offered 2,300*l.* for it. The writer understands that Mr. King is yet remaining with Nicholas. If the secretary he expected comes not, the writer offers his services. [*One page.*]

July 4. Winchester. 9. Justices of Peace for Hants to the Council. Have received their letter for a yearly pension to be allowed to John Roberts. Cannot be satisfied that he was impressed from thence, or that that county ought to be charged with him, besides that the number of maimed soldiers is so much increased since the actions of Cadiz and Rhé that they have more pensioners than money to pay them. Pray them to order this poor man to be provided for in the place of his abode. [*One page.*]

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July 4. Winchester. 10. Justices of Peace for Hants to the Council. Received their warrant of 30 June 1631, to provide carriages for 900 tons of timber from the New Forest to Lymington, Redbridge, or Beaulieu, and so to Portsmouth, for repair of the fortifications. On inquiry, they found only 600 load of timber ready to be carried, for which they provided, and now the carriage of 300 tons more is desired. Pray that the country may be eased thereof, it being twelve months since it was ordered, and great numbers of carriages for ship timber now laid on the county, amounting to 1,490 loads, being more than they can perform. [*One page.*]

July 4. Bristol. 11. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. Reports the arrival of part of the cordage for the ships fitting up there, with promise of the remainder. On its arrival the ships may depart if the captains come down. The Mayor of Bristol had sent for the writer and Mr. Brooke, master of the Ninth Whelp, acquainting them that some had come to him that were taken about Lundy by an English pirate, who robbed them of all they had. Begs the ships may have three months' provisions. [*In a P.S. dated 5 July inst., Kitchen announces the arrival of the remainder of their stores, with orders for money from Sir William Russell. Begs that the ships may be immediately despatched.* [*One page.*]

July 4. Tehidie. 12. Francis Bassett to the same. The commission which he lately received he endeavoured to execute, but the tenants of the King's manor of Tintagel, who were sole spoilers, were so obstinate as he was enforced to bind them to appear in the Court of Admiralty. He has returned their bonds to Richard Wyan and beseeches Nicholas to direct a strait course. The King's Admiralty jurisdiction now lies a-bleeding. [*One page.*]

July 4. His house, London. 13. Sir Henry Marten to Francis Lord Cottington. Roche, the pilot of Brumfield's ship, was found guilty of piracy, and judgment of death was passed upon him. He was condemned last Friday, therefore a warrant for his reprieve should be sent to Sir Henry before Saturday next. Holds it not fit for him to solicit it. Roche is a notorious pirate. Touching Brumfield, the prisoner in the Tower, Sir Henry has no reason to try him for piracy. [*One page. Indorsed by Sec. Coke.*]

July 4. 14. Justices of Peace for Kent to the Sheriff. Certify the measures for relief of the poor taken within the hundreds of Ruxley, Little and Lesnes, and Axton, and in the vill of Dartford and Wilmington. [*One page.*]

July 4. 15. Certificate stated to comprise all the rents payable to her Majesty from her manors in cos. Lincoln, Nottingham, and Chester, together with estates granted therein, and what bailiffs and stewards belong to each manor, with their several fees; made by warrant from her Majesty's Commissioners, dated this day. [*Six pages. Incomplete. This portion contains only the county of Lincoln and part of Nottingham.*]

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July 5. London. 16. Sir Kenelm Digby to Sec. Coke. Hoped to have found him yesterday at Whitehall else he would have attended at Greenwich. This morning has been prevented calling upon him by Sir James Bagg. Yesterday they had a meeting with Sir Robert Mansell, and after long debate concluded they should deliver their opinions severally to his Majesty concerning the numbers of men for his ships. This day Sir Robert intends to speak to the King about it. Wishes the Sec. Coke to tell the King that the Trinity House men (with whom the writer concurs) have been ready ever since a week after his Majesty laid his command upon them, but forbore presenting their opinions to his Majesty to give way to Sir Robert Mansell for measuring the ships, which being done and Sir Robert not making use of it for this service (but for some other sinister end, as the writer conceives,) they beg the King to assign a time when they shall attend him. Lord Leicester desires to go over in Capt. Pennington's ship, but would not have Capt. Plumleigh know so much, for he is his good friend. [*One page and three quarters.*]

July 5. 17. Justices of Peace for the East division of co. Northampton to the Sheriff. Certify that they have continued to hold meetings and receive presentments under the Book of Directions for relief of the poor. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 5. 18. Justices of Peace for the West division of the same county to the same. Similar certificate. [*One page.*]

July 5. Battle. 19. Justices of Peace for Sussex to Robert Morley, the Sheriff. Measures taken for relief of the poor and punishment of wanderers within the parishes of Battle, Burwash, Hoo, and Heathfield. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 5. 20. Order of Lord Keeper Coventry in a cause between Sir Peter Bettesworth and Mary his wife, plaintiffs, and Sir Robert Harley and Edward Reed, and others, defendants, allowing the plea and disclaimer of the defendants Harley and Reed of the executorship of the late Viscount Conway, the present Viscount who has put in a full answer, having taken out administration and undergone the managing of his father's estate. [*One page and a quarter.*]

July 6. Whitehall. 21. Order of Council referring to the Lords of the Admiralty a petition of divers merchants, mariners, and owners of ships employed in his Majesty's service during the last wars, which stated, that according to the ancient rule of measuring ships, there was an allowance of 2*s.* per ton per mensem for freight. That rule continued till 26 May 1628, when a new rule was prescribed for measuring ships. The petitioners pray warrant that bills due before the 26 May 1628 may be made up according to the old rule. [*One page. Nicholas has indorsed, "See the Officers of Navy's certificate for "this business, dated* 1 *Martii* 1632[–3], *and in the same March "the Lords' order thereupon."*]

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July 6. 22. Attorney General Noy to the Council. According to their order has taken the inclosed examinations, which prove some improvidence, but nothing more. [*Quarter of a page.*] *Incloses,*

22. I. *Examination of Richard Peachey. Warrant directed to him and others from the Council commanding him to apprehend Thomas Hills, John Lowes, Roger Langham, and Anne Doves, and others, of Soham, co. Cambridge, who had cast down the dykes of Lord Chief Justice Heath. States his proceedings, and the circumstances of a tumultuous assembly of the townspeople, which rescued John Lowes, and overawed the witness and the others directed to make the arrest, so as to prevent their executing their warrant.* 1632, *July* 5. [*Three pages.*]

22. II. *Similar examination of Thomas Clarke, another of the persons to whom the warrant of the Council was directed.* 1632, *July* 5. [*Three pages.*]

22. III. *Similar examination of Thomas Hinson, another of the persons to whom the Council's warrant was addressed.* 1632, *July* 5. [*One page and a half. The persons examined were discharged by the Council on the 7th inst. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 135.]

July 6. Coventry. 23. William Jesson, Mayor of Coventry, to the same. Has been required to give his personal attendance at the Board, on an information that he refused payment of money to the Muster-master in co. Leicester, where he has a parcel of land. The money was never demanded. Has sent the bearer to undertake for his conformity, and to pray that his personal attendance may be spared. [*Three quarters of a page. The petitioner was "spared his coming up" on this assurance. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 137. 1632, *July* 9.]

July 6. Westminster. 24. Nicholas to Sec. Coke. Acquainted the agent of Spain that the Dunkirk patache is returned, and ready to be restored. The States' Ambassador will deliver her to none but our King's officers; wherefore he requests the Sec. to give order to the Marshal of the Admiralty to receive her from the Hollanders, and deliver her to such as the Spanish agent shall direct. Prays him to ascertain the King's pleasure concerning the captains and ships to go for Ireland. It is more than time that there were some shipping on that coast. [*One page.*] *Incloses,*

24. I. *Draft warrant to Gabriel Marsh, Marshal of the Admiralty, above suggested. Greenwich,* 1632, *July* 6. [*One page.*]

July 6. The Assurance, in Dover Road. 25. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the same. Sir Isaac Wake's body came yesterday to Boulogne, whence Mr. Burlamachi addressed an earnest letter to the writer to bring the ship thither. Complied with the request, and this day landed the body at Dover with all

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befitting ceremony. The Governor of Calais pretended a great desire to do the body honour. In Calais Road caused all French to take in their colours, at which they repined heavily, and some States' men-of-war siding with them, sent word that they knew nothing why we should demand any superiority on that side of the sea, withall threatening to wear their flags there as well as we. The writer informed their Admiral his resolution in case he showed a Dutch flag there, he would sink him or sink by him, which caused him to keep his colours close. [*One page.*]

July 6. The Downs. 26. Capt. Plumleigh to Nicholas. Repeats the information in the preceding letter, but in somewhat different phrase. Bestowed some powder on the French flags, at which they grumbled extremely, and sent a cooling card to the Admiral of eight States' men-of-war, which rode there. [*One page.*]

July 6. 27. Copy of the same. [*One page.*]

July 6. Passenham. 28. Sir Robert Banastre [Banister] to Sir Thomas Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household. Has received a warrant to wait on the Council, to answer a default for nonpayment of money due to the Muster-master of co. Leicester. His occasions at the next Assizes at Leicester prevent his present attendance. Begs Sir Thomas to excuse him to the Lords, and undertake for his conformity. If there has been neglect, it has been from want of notice. [*One page.*]

July 6. Devizes. 29. Justices of Peace for co. Wilts to Sir Edward Hungerford, the Sheriff. Report of their proceedings for relief of the poor and punishment of vagabonds within the hundreds of Swanborough, Pottern, and Cannings. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 6. 30. Affidavit of Thomas Gostwick, of Clay, Norfolk, customer and collector of that place. About the beginning of December last past, being in company of John Butler, Thomas Dobson, and Roger Utbeare, some speeches passed concerning the fining of Tayler Boult and others for ingrossing corn, when Roger Utbeare said that the Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council and of the Star Chamber would make laws and break laws, and do what they listed to the undoing of any man. [*One page.*]

July 7. Greenwich. 31. Sec. Coke to Nicholas. Sends Sir Hugh Cholmeley's letter, received that day from the Lord President of the North (*see this Vol., No.* 3). Prays him to take the directions of the Judge of the Admiralty. Has written to the Lord President to give directions for seizing the ship. Letters should be written to Bristol to hasten one of the Whelps to go to sea to take her course along the coast to meet the pirate bark. The command may be given to Capt. Fogg, who may be sent down with speed, his Majesty having allowed his employment and the going of Capt. Plumleigh as Admiral upon the Irish coast. [*One page.*]

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July 7. Clifford. 32. Sir Henry Rainsford to Sir Francis Nethersole, at the sign of the Stirrup, over against York House, in the Strand. Received from his cousin Roper certain legal papers, to which he objects as giving Sir Francis's executors greater power than is intended. It should be expressed that the writer gives power to Sir Francis to extend the land till he is satisfied 250*l.*, with consideration from the time the writer receives the money. [*One page.*]

July 7. 33. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Kent, of measures taken for relief of the poor since the last Assizes, within the hundred of Bromley and Beckenham. Three persons are reported as refusing to watch and ward. [*Three pages. Indorsed as "Received* [*i.e., by the Council from the Judges of Assize*] *October* 1632."]

July 7. 34. Other Justices of the same county to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundreds of Calehill, Chart, Longbridge, and the township of Ashford. [*One page and three quarters.*]

July 7. 35. Act questions discussed at Oxford on this day and the 9th inst. The inceptors and respondents on this occasion were, in theology, William Paul, Robert Burhill, Thomas Lushington, Samuel Seward, Rowland Cheedle, and Rodolph Lench; in civil law, Francis Gerard, John Jarvis, Giles Sweit, Alexander Hyde, Edward Mottershed; in medicine, William Ford, Thomas Simpson, and Charles Bosthack; in philosophy, Thomas Terrent and Richard Powell. [*Two pages, printed.*]

July 8. 36. The King to Archbishop Abbot. Sundry benefices, which of right belong to the King, having been of late presented to by private persons, the Archbishop is to direct his letters to all the Bishops in his province, signifying the King's pleasure that they are not to admit any clerk, until they have made inquiry in their own records at least who presented last, and if it appear to be in the King's gift, to give notice to the Lord Keeper, that so the King's right may be preserved. [*Minute in the handwriting of Sec. Windebank, with alterations in the handwriting of Bishop Laud. One page. See* 1632, *July* 17.]

July 8. 37. [George Rawden] to Thomas Smith. Sends terms of a designed arrangement with Goodman Pease, which were objected to by Sir Henry Neale [O'Neale]. Wishes his opinion before Sunday next. They were for the lease of Hill Hall, the residence of the late Sir William Smith. [*Two pages. Draft.*]

July 8. 38. Paper indorsed by Sec. Coke as "Advertisement concerning "[William] Jones, the carrier from Flanders, sent from those "parts." He was a Welshman, was employed sometimes by Gerbier, was supposed to be a priest, and had a brother with the Lord Treasurer. Had been employed as a spy, was entertained by Van Mal, and had a pension out of the finances at Brussels. [*Half a page.*]

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July 9. Bristol. 39. Capt. Francis Hooke to Sec. Coke. Came to Bristol on the 8th inst. Stores are all on board; sails will be there that night. On Thursday the victualler promises victuals for six weeks. On taking them in will hasten to sea, for the merchants report that many barks have been pillaged by a pirate off Lundy. Begs that he may be victualled for three months. All the time he has been in Ireland, the King's service has suffered by being victualled from hand to mouth. [*One page.*]

July 9. Bristol. 40. The same to Nicholas. To the same effect as the preceding. [*One page.*]

July 9. 41. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Sussex, of measures taken for relief of the poor within the rape of Arundel. [*One page.*]

July 9. 42. Certificate of Sir Henry Spiller, Justice of Peace for Middlesex, that Aston Cokayne, of Ashborne, co. Derby, had that day taken the oath of allegiance before him. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 10. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. Richard Plumleigh, Captain of the Assurance and Admiral of the ships employed on the coast of Ireland. Instructions. As Admiral he is to take charge of his own ship, of the Ninth Whelp, Capt. Richard Fogg, and of the Fifth Whelp, Capt. Hooke, and is so to dispose his fleet as to guard St. George's Channel and the Severn, plying between Scilly, Cape Clear, Milford Haven, and Kinsale, which last is to be his place of rendezvous. [*Copy. See Vol.* clvii., *fol.* 119.]

July 10. 43. Petition of John de Leuw, mariner, of Zealand, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Another petition similar to that presented on the 30th June last. [*See Vol.* ccxix., *No.* 50. *Three quarters of a page.*]

July 10. Westminster. 44. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. These despatches for Capt. Plumleigh are to hasten him away for Ireland and the Severn, where pirates swarm, before St. James's fair. The Lord Treasurer's son (Ambassador for Savoy) will go away the next week. Pennington is to transport him to Calais or Boulogne. Maestricht was, when the post came from Antwerp, on treaty with the Prince of Orange; "you see how God prospers that nation." The King comes to Westminster to-morrow night, and the next day begins his progress to Oatlands. The Queen Mother would fain come hither, but it is hoped she shall not. Sec. Coke is yet in effect sole Secretary, and Sir Kenelm Digby the most potent man with him. Has not heard of late from Sir Thomas Button; the last news was that he was very sick. The Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield (Dr. Morton) was last week translated to Durham. Monsieur, the French King's brother, is in a distressed state, and knows not which way to take, but the Protestants there are in worse. The business concerning the numbers of men for the King's ships is not yet ended. The Earl of Leicester will go about the end of this month. [*One page.*]

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July 10. Chichester. 45. John Ashburnham to Nicholas. He will receive from Ashburnham's cousin Lewkenor, of the Temple, 500*l.*, to be delivered to Sir John Worsenham [Wolstenholme] and the rest of the customers, the bond to be made in the writer's brother's name. Holds this the safest way to put forth moneys, and shall shortly have a greater sum for them. Begs him not to forget Sir Robert Pye. Much thirsts after the courtesy he has so long promised the writer. [*One page.*]

July 10. The Convertive, in the Downs. 46. Capt. John Pennington to Sec. Coke. Received his letter of the 8th for transporting Mons. Valencie late last night, and will be ready with his own ship. Has not said where he is to be landed, but supposes Dunkirk, as he is to go to Brussels. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 10. London. 47. Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh to William Weld. "A memorial of such things wherein I do desire Mr. Weld's favor "and care in my absence." The management of the estate at Ragley was committed to Foulke Reed and Weld, and directions were given how the income of 900*l.* was to be disposed of, the principal payment being to Sir Robert Lee on account of a debt, the first payment of which was 394*l.*; to Ralph Conway 140*l.*; to the Dowager Viscountess 35*l.*; to Weld himself 100*l.*, all per annum. The management of the Viscount's nephew Smith, committed to him by the Court of Wards, was also provided for. He was to be sent down to Sir Robert Harley, who was to have 40*l.* per annum for his maintenance. The lands and woods at Hill Hall were to be managed in conjunction with Richard Pease, and half the proceeds to be paid to Lady Smith; the house to be let to some man of rank. The Viscount's aunt Conway was trying to raise new quarrels. The papers were left with him. If Sir Miles Fleetwood did the Viscount any courtesy he left it to Weld to thank him by giving him plate and allowance to his servants, and to the paymaster such proportion as had been talked on, 20*l.* in every 100*l.*, or any other way he thought fit. Had given order for letters of attorney, one to Reed and Weld for Ragley business, the other to Weld alone for all other things. [*Six pages and a quarter.*]

July 10. Castle Carey. 48. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Thomas Luttrell the Sheriff. Return of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Bruton, Norton Ferris, Catsash and Horethorne. [*Three pages and a half.*]

July 11. 49. Petition of Capt. Lancelot Alford to the Council of War. Petitioner was with the rest of the officers by Sir William St. Leger, upon command of his Majesty and the late Duke of Buckingham, called from his place of Lieutenant in the Low Countries into his Majesty's service, where he continued until the cassation of the troops. Has attended three years and three quarters daily petitioning and spent in his suit 440*l.* and upwards. Some of like rank have received recompence to the value of 1,000*l.* Prays for 400*l.* to fit him for some course to satisfy his creditors and keep him in his latter days. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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July 11. 50. Richard Wyan to Nicholas. Has perused some inclosed papers. What Sec. Coke has done will be sufficient, but if he receives advice that the ship is brought in or the moneys or goods landed, they will get a commission for the seizure and legal proceedings. [*One page.*]

July 11. East Grinstead. 51. Justices of Peace for Sussex to Robert Morley, Sheriff. In the division of East Grinstead they have placed out many apprentices and put the statute in execution for punishing rogues and vagabonds. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 11. 52. Account of the fees on passing wine licences at the Signet and Privy Seal, paid from the 27 Henry VIII. to the present time. The licences were originally granted singly, and 10*s.* and 13*s.* 4*d.* paid at each office for the same. When the practice arose of 50 or 60 being contained in one bill, a compromise was made, by which 8*s.* 8*d.* was paid for every licence at each office, and 4*d.* for entry of each licence at the Signet. [*One page and a quarter.*]

July 12. 53. Petition of William Crampton, cook of the Triumph, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having debts owing to him, prays permission to appoint Phineas Edy his deputy during his absence in getting in his moneys. [*Half a page.*]

July 12. Westminster. 54. Nicholas to Francis Andrewes. As Mr. Corderoy will not sell Chute, Nicholas has no affection to deal for Conholt farm. When he received his cousin Calley's letter on Andrewes's behalf he was engaged to another man to be his clerk, but is now ready to receive Andrewes without any money, for however others make benefit that way, Nicholas will expect nothing but honest and diligent service. Besides performing the businesses of a clerk he must wait at table daily, and when his brother shall be out of the way sometimes lay the cloth and look to Nicholas's clothes and generally not be unwilling to do any business which Nicholas or his wife shall employ him in. If he will come upon these terms he must be there by the 28th, as Nicholas is then to begin his journey into the country. [*Draft. One page and a half.*]

July 12. Bristol. 55. William Brooke, Master of the Ninth Whelp, to Nicholas. The ships are in readiness, and this day Capt. Hooke goes forth to sea. The writer wishes to know whether he should set sail according to Sir Thomas Button's letter, or stay for any other commander. Sir Thomas Button has charged the writer to take him in at Milford as soon as possible. Requests that this footman may be dispatched to him with three or four lines. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 12. Chatham. 56. Capt. Richard Fogg to the same. Received this day notice of his being appointed by the Lords in the Ninth Whelp to Ireland. Will always be as ready as the forwardest to perform his utmost service, but begs the Lords to take into consideration the condition of his fortunes, being such as unless they will enable him for fitting himself for an employment so remote, and whereof he has had experience that the charge exceeds the benefit, they will please to receive his excuse. [*One page.*]

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July 12. 57. Account of Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, of perquisites belonging to the Admiralty within cos. Pembroke, Carmarthen, and Cardigan, unfinished at the death of his brother, the late Earl of Pembroke, with his account for the like perquisites since his appointment to this date. The profits amounted to 85*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.*, which were divisible, one half to the King, one quarter to the Vice-Admiral, and one quarter to his under officers. [*Two pages. Nicholas indorses that the like account was delivered into the Admiralty.*]

July 12. 58. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Sheriff. Report of apprentices bound and vagrants punished in the hundreds of Corringham and Well and the Isle of Axeholme. Until the 20th and 21st June last they could not meet for danger of the plague, wherewith the country had been grievously troubled. [*Half a page.*]

July 12. 59. List of trawl nets taken by Capt. Thomas Austen, of the Henrietta, from the 6th inst. to this day, with the names of the owners. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 13. 60. Petition of Sir William Playters and Dame Frances his wife, to the King. Their residence in London is solely for the recovery of the health of Dame Frances. Sir William's father being alive the estate is not yet come to petitioner. Pray licence to remain in London. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

60. 1. *Certificate of Dr. Thomas Cademan of the weakly state of health of Dame Frances Playters.* [*Half a page.*]

July 13. The Convertive, in the Downs. 61. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Safely landed Mons. Valencie at Dunkirk to his great content, and has now returned to the Downs. Before his going, delivered their [letters] to Capt. Plumleigh, who says he will make all haste away as soon as his victuals are come. The Whelps and the Convertive also yet want much of their three months' victuals. Until it comes they cannot ply out to sea. The States have taken a strong fort from the Archduchess, called the Polder of Namen, which stands by the town of Hulst. Five Dunkirk men-of-war brought in thither two days since five Hollands' ships, one of them with 100 pieces of English ordnance in her hold and some packs of cloth. Maestricht is not yet taken. [*One page.*]

July 13. The Assurance, in the Downs. 62. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the same. Fearing he shall not be ready to put to sea time enough for St. James's fair, by reason of his sea stores not being yet likely to come, he has sent order to Capt. Hooke to put to sea and continue in those seas until he has cleared them of pirates, and then to ply away for the coast of Ireland, whither he will follow him. Will not lose one minute as soon as the ship be ready. [*One page.*]

July 13. 63. The same to Nicholas. Goes blindfold into Ireland, having never been upon that coast before, nor does he know to whom

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he ought to make his addresses, whether to the Deputy, the Lords Justices, or some other appointed for the Admiralty. Nor from whom he is to demand licence to return for England, nor what to do with the ship when these victuals are expended, nor where he shall winter. Beseeches Nicholas to give him a little light. Has left the Lords' letter open that he may see the cause why he cannot budge. Should be glad to have a week's time in London, and begs Nicholas if possible to procure it for him. [*One page.*]

July 13. 64. Statement of the case of the City of London respecting estates conveyed to them by the King in payment of debts owing by his late father and himself. It was contended on the part of the Crown that the conveyance was upon an implied trust to sell the lands at the best prices and to reconvey such of them as might remain after the debt to the City had been discharged. From this paper, which is derived from some printed or written statement, the pages of which are referred to, it seems that the City denied the implied trust. Accounts are added of the receipts and payments of the City on this account up to this day. The sums received had been 165,504*l.* 6*s.* 0¾*d.*; those paid 165,594*l.* 4*s.* 7¼*d.* [*One page.*]

[July 13?] 65. Comments upon the same accounts and the conduct of the Londoners in connexion therewith by Sec. Coke. [*Four pages.*]

July 14. The Assizes at Dorchester. 66. Justices of Peace for co. Dorset to the Council. Received their letters for the carriage of 1,290 loads of timber out of the New Forest, whereby they tax this little county in equality with Hants and Wilts, which they conceive very hard, the rather that they have performed the service of many thousand loads of stones in the Isle of Portland for building the banquetting house, and that service is still continued upon them towards his Majesty's buildings, besides that there is 5,000*l.* and upwards due to the county for billeting soldiers. Beg therefore to be spared this service. [*One page.*]

July 14. 67. Will of Thomas Harper, of St. Botolph without Aldersgate, stationer. Gives small legacies to his half brothers Samuel Harper, Nicholas Harper, and Thomas Harper, and the children of his half brother Rowland Harper, deceased, and the residue to his wife Joan Harper, whom he appoints his executor with John Crompton, overseer. [*One page.*]

July 15. The Fleet. 68. James Parry to Sec. Coke. Was apprehended with his aged father by certain men that required them to go before Humphrey Crosse, and both were ultimately committed by the Council to the Fleet. They preferred a petition on Friday last, but the Council refused to do anything therein without Sec. Coke. Prays him to take their case into his charitable consideration. His wife is cousin-german to Richard Clarke, of Wellington, in Herefordshire, and Mrs. James and the writer's cousin Richard Powell would be earnest suitors on his behalf. [*One page. Sec. Coke has written several memoranda*

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on the back. "*What messenger to be sent to Sir Henry Vane, and* "*Sir Robert Anstruther; care of the river; Governor of the Ad-*"*venturers or Mr. Skinner; Lord Keeper for Sir R. Crane.*"

[July 15.] 69. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Has received a Commission for a wreck in January of a ship which came from St. Christopher's, also directions to certify all claims of Admiralty jurisdiction within his limits; a work well begun, for either on north or south of Cornwall there is scarce five miles in fifty-five that are not pretended to. Never received directions for passing his account. Begs him to ask Sir James Bagg what he did with it. At an hour's warning he is ready, but it may be foreborne until Michaelmas, when he will come up with it. Mr. Wyan has slightly passed over one Vivyan, of whom the writer complained. If Michell and his mates be alike quitted he shall forbear to complain hereafter. [*One page. Received this day by Nicholas.*]

July 15. Westminster. 70. James Howell to the same. The Earl of Leicester intends to embark at North Yarmouth. He wishes Capt. Pennington, with the Convertive, to be at that port with all convenient speed, and in the interim that one of the Whelps should come to Tilbury to take in his furniture and ordinary sort of servants. Intends to land in the Sound. [*One page.*]

July 15. 71. Thomas Smith to George Rawden. Is visited with the small pox. If it pleases Sir Henry Neale [O'Neale] to take the lands to be let at Hill Hall, the writer's mother will not differ with him in any bargain. Hopes ere long to give Rawden a meeting at Hill Hall. Received in part of rents at Ankerwyke 35*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*, which being such a small sum, he thought it not worthy to trouble my Lord with a journey; but had it been more or less, knows not why it should have troubled Capt. Duppa. [*Three quarters of a page. Rawden has indorsed, as if the address of the writer,* "*Red Lion, in White* "*Chapel, beyond the bars.*"]

July 15. 72. Promise of Eleanor Batie, of Catterick, co. York, to pay to her brother-in-law, William Batie, of Ramsey, co. Huntingdon, servant of Sir Oliver Cromwell, 10*l.* out of monies due from the King for the postmastership of Catterick. [*One page.*]

July 15. 73. Receipt of James Mayo for 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, paid by Sir Francis Windebank for the dividend due to Sec. Coke from Sir Francis as Clerk of the Signet for the month of March last. [*Half a page.*]

July 16. Warrant for issuing a Commission to Leonard Crosse and others to set forth the Fortune, of Shoreham, of 160 tons, to take pirates, the said Crosse being captain, and reserving a tenth part of all that shall be taken. [*See Vol.* cxxx., *p.* 29.]

July 16. 74. John Goodwin to Sec. Coke. One Newland, of Newport, Isle of Wight, lately shipped for Holland certain barrels of butter

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and parcels of crooked timber. The bark was met by a ship of Dunkirk, and carried thither, where the bark was confiscated, as containing prohibited goods. Suggests that the Maria should be stationed at Portsmouth for prevention of the like traffic. The season requires the King's ships to be moored. Prays payment of his allowance for extraordinary attendance from 3 December 1629. [*One page.*]

July 16. Whitehall. 75. Lords of the Admiralty to William Brooke, master of the Ninth Whelp. The Lords have appointed Capt. Plumleigh Admiral of the ships employed on the coast of Ireland in the Assurance, and have likewise disposed of the place of Captain of the Ninth Whelp to one who will bring their warrant for the purpose. To the end the guard of those seas may not suffer, Brooke is authorized to go to sea until he shall receive other order from the Lords Justices of Ireland, Capt. Plumleigh, or his own Captain. [*One page.*]

July 16. Westminster. 76. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Orders given to supply his ship with victuals for three months more, so that he may be victualled for six months from the 8th inst. Order sent herewith to transport Mr. Weston to such part of France as he shall desire; his Lordship says, Dieppe. As soon as he is back, he will have order to transport the Earl of Leicester from Yarmouth, with a Whelp to come to Tilbury to take in his servants and provisions. He should acquaint the Lords with the fault of his master and boatswain, which is in everybody's mouth, and will reflect on him if he does not justify himself. Has sent his letter to Court to the Earl of Carlisle. Much distracted with many Admiralty businesses and the absence of the Lords Commissioners. Next week he will hear when the Earl of Leicester will be ready to go. [*One page.*]

July 16. Collingbourne. 77. Francis Andrewes to Nicholas. Willingly accepts the terms proposed to him for entering Nicholas's service. Will be with him on the 28th inst. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 16. 78. John Bourchier to Capt. Dawtry Cooper. Certifies that Capt. Cooper was born and bred a Protestant. For four or five years past he has been strangely misled. After labouring to bring him back, the writer, on Low Sunday last past, in St. Botolph's without Aldgate, administered to him the holy sacrament of the Eucharist. [*Half a page.*]

July 17. Westminster. 79. The King to Archbishop Abbot. Since the 30th year of Queen Elizabeth many usurpations have been made upon the ecclesiastical patronage of the Crown. In future, before institution upon presentations is made, the Archbishops' registers are to be searched to ascertain who presented the last incumbent, and if it were the Crown, the institution is to be stayed until notice be given to the Lord Keeper or the Attorney General. The Archbishop is also by 10 October next to return a certificate of what livings once in the patronage of the Crown have since the 30th of Elizabeth been

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presented to by other persons. He is also to take order that all the Bishops in his province observe the same course. [*Copy. Five pages and three quarters.*]

July 17. Hanworth. 80. Francis Lord Cottington to Sec. Windebank. The King would have the Lord Keeper and the Bishop of London, calling to them the Attorney General, to examine the business of Dr. Bankworth, particularly the petition presented by the Doctor's wife, and make his Majesty a report. The Sec. will make the reference under the petition, and then show it to his Majesty, who seems careful that justice may have a clear passage in this business. [*One page.*]

July 18. Whitehall. 81. The Council to Sir John Sidley. Order was given to Sir Henry Marten and the Attorney General, to take a view and inventory of all the specialties which are in certain trunks in Sir John's house, and having separated those which concern the real estate of Sir Miles Hobart, to keep them safely, and to deliver to Robert Thorpe, of the Middle Temple, those that concern his personal estate. This cannot be done, because Sir John has the key of the chamber wherein the trunks are. He is therefore to make his present repair to London, to attend Sir Henry Marten and the Attorney General, to the end that the previous order may be performed. [*One page.*]

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July 19. Oatlands. Proclamation concerning the Postmaster of England for foreign parts. The late King appointed Matthew de Quester, the father, and Matthew de Quester, the son, postmaster for foreign parts for their lives. Matthew de Quester, the son, being dead, and the father aged and infirm, he has appointed William Frizell and Thomas Witherings his deputies. The King approves this substitution, and charges all his subjects that none of them, other than the said Frizell and Witherings, presume to take up or transmit foreign packets or letters. [*Col. Procs. Car. I., No.* 157.]

July 19. Canbury. 1. Commission addressed to Lord Treasurer Weston, the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, and very many other persons, constituting them the Society of the Fishery of Great Britain and Ireland, with all customary corporate powers, the King being perpetual protector of the society, and nominating a Council for the government of the same, composed one half of persons of English or Irish descent, and the other half of persons of Scottish descent. Lat. [*Sixteen pages.*]

July 19. 2. Copy of the same. [*Twelve pages and a half.*]

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July 19. The Convertive, in the Downs. 3. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Shall be in Dover Road on Tuesday next to receive aboard the Lord Ambassador Weston, and has given directions to Capt. Simon Digby to repair with the Second Lion's Whelp to Portsmouth, to receive aboard Sir Peter Osborne and the other two knights, and to transport them for Jersey and Guernsey, with instructions to scour the seas, and return hither. States the circumstances affecting his master and boatswain, alluded to in Nicholas's last letter (*Vol.* ccxx., *No.* 76). On arrival of the Palsgrave, a ship of the East India Company, Pennington sent them on board a supply of beer, their own being exhausted. On return from conveying the beer aboard, his master, Peter White, and boatswain, Henry Cowdall, smuggled on board the Convertive certain cloves and pepper. On discovery, they alleged that these goods were the property of Captain John Hall, of the Palsgrave, brought on board the Convertive until he could pay customs thereon. [*Two pages.*] *Incloses,*

3. I. *Certificate of the master and boatswain of the Convertive of the transaction above mentioned, and that the same was wholly without the privity of Capt. Pennington.* 1632, *July* 18. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

3. II. *The like of fourteen others of the crew of the Convertive.* 1632, *July* 17. [*One page.*]

3. III. *Account of the goods above mentioned, with the addition of thirteen bags of pepper also found aboard the Second Whelp, brought aboard by the boatswain, signed by Capt. Pennington.* [*One page.*]

July 19. The Downs. 4. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Sec. Coke. Has done his best to persuade Capt. Fogg not to relinquish his Majesty's service, but finds him resolute to stand to his demand, that he may be enabled to transport himself and goods to Bristol, otherwise he will not accept the offer. Thanks for notice of this refusal, leaving him in some sort to recommend another to the place. Beseeches him to confer that place on the writer's lieutenant, of whom he has had four years' experience. Capt. Cooper is no fit man for his Majesty's service in this kind. Above all men the writer most excepts against him. Has shipped all his victual, but dares not budge till his cables and sea stores come from Chatham. Expects the ketch with them daily, and then will hasten to the coast of Ireland, and clear the Severn in his passage. [*Two pages.*]

July 19. The Downs. 5. The same to Nicholas. Is so well acquainted with Capt. Cooper's contentious disposition and sharking way, that he will never give his opinion on his side. A more unfit man cannot be picked out in England. Earnestly recommends the writer's poor lieutenant. Gives over his coming to London. Hopes Christmas will bring him again into England. Repeats information in the preceding, with strong expressions of obligation. [*One page.*]

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July 19. Bristol. 6. Thomas Morgan to Nicholas. Answers complaints made against him, in consequence of Capt. Hooke's ship not having her second three weeks' victuals on board. She might have had it, but for the great haste required for her going out. As they could not stay, the writer took order with the purser to supply her wheresoever they touched in Ireland, "and if this be not the truth, then "let their Lordships hang me." [*One page.*]

July 19. Greenwich. 7. Sir Robert Mansell to Capt. John Pennington. Wishes his letters arrived oftener. Was long since acquainted with "their "prosecution" against Sir Thomas Button, and solicited most of the Lords on his behalf. They seemed unacquainted with the proceedings against him, yet Sir Robert wrote roundly to his nephew what he was to expect. He will address his last petition to his Majesty, who Sir Robert doubts not will right him. For the establishment of men in the King's ships, "we have delivered our "list and the other part theirs." His Majesty gave the writer his royal word it should not fall to the ground. On his Majesty's return to Hampton Court, means to wait on him. Incloses the numbers to each ship, with the old numbers. They slipped not a public touch at the incapacity of those in this service that never saw service in his Majesty's ships. For news, the taking of the Fort by the Hollanders is current, but the forces of the Archduchess, with the army under Gonzales, bend their strength for the relief of Maestricht. The news of transportation of our ordnance much troubles the writer. Many years since he procured a commission for redress of this great abuse, to have our throats cut with our own weapons. On first sight of the list, will observe the diminution of the men in the new list in the greatest ships. When he found raw judgments obstinate to experience, and ignorance receive encouragement, he was forced to throw himself on a rule of proportion. [*Two pages.*]

July 19. 8. Justices of Peace for co. Wilts to Sir Edward Hungerford, the Sheriff. Inclose certificate of their doings for relief of the poor in the division of Warminster. [*Half a page.*]

July 19. 9. Certificate of Mayor and another of St. Alban's of measures taken for relief of the poor since their last certificate. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 19. 10. Orders of the Justices of Wales in actions of William Bishop against Joseph Mason, and Joseph Mason against Richard Cowper, whereby fines were imposed upon Mason. The orders were made in the first case on the 20th January 1632, and in the latter on the 13th, 18th, and 19th July inst. [*One page. Indorsed by Sec. Coke.*]

July 20. 11. Petition of Capt. Henry Bell to the Council. In consideration of his services in his employments by the late King, the money disbursed by him therein, and his commitment (cause he knoweth none), he prays order for his enlargement. [*Half a page. Ordered to be discharged upon bail. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 159.]

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July 20. 12. Writ out of the Court of Exchequer, directed to the Sheriff of co. York, to levy out of lands of Sir Walter Bethell deceased a debt owing from him to Humphrey Wharton, the King's receiver for the counties of Northumberland and Durham and the Archdeaconry of Richmond. [*One page.*]

July 20. Office of Ordnance. 13. Officers of the Ordnance to Nicholas. Send him a note from Capt. Pennington requiring certain supplies for his ship, and wish him to move the Lords for a warrant for the same. They can be included in the warrant for supplies to the Assurance. [*Half a page.*]

July 20. 14. Thomas Smith to George Rawden, at Hill Hall. The extremity of his sickness prevents his entering into any business. If the Committees set the house into good repair, it may be valued at a good rent. When his father let the lands to the very door, he never allowed one stick for firing. The knight may enter on the lands at present; but for the house, no conclusion can be come to till the writer can meet him there. [*Half a page.*]

July 20. 15. Copy of the same, with note underwritten of modes of sending a letter to Hill Hall by a market maid, who sits under the Hand and Sun, in Leadenhall Street, three days in the week, or by a porter. [*One page. Indorsed by Rawden, "The original sent to "Sir Henry O'Neale."*]

July 20. 16. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to Sir Edward Ayscough, the Sheriff. Measures taken by them for relief of the poor within the hundred of Lawress. They have been long visited with a most grievous plague. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 20. 17. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Wilts of children apprenticed and vagrants and ale-house haunters punished within the Salisbury division from 13 December 1631 to 29 June 1632. [*Six pages and a half.*]

July 20. 18. Bond of William Ward, goldsmith, and Daleson Ward, draper, of London, to Sir Henry Sherley, of Stanton Harold, co. Leicester, in 200*l.*, conditioned for payment of 104*l.* on the feast of the Annunciation next ensuing. [*One page and a half. Memorandum signed by Sir Thomas Trevor underwritten, that the same was shewn to Sir Thomas Sherley and Thomas Gardiner on their examination on 9 June* 1635.]

July 21. 19. Examination before Sec. Windebank of Hercules Holiland, lieutenant-colonel to Colonel Thomas Saunderson, and Robert Grey, captain to the same, respecting the warrant under which vagrants were taken up by Colonel Saunderson for service in the wars. Colonel Saunderson went out of England towards Russia on Midsummer day last as Ensign Thinne knew. The warrant was delivered by Saunderson to Thinne, but what he did under it they do not know, nor how it was obtained. [*Three quarters of a page. Unsigned.*]

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July 22. The Downs, under sail. 20. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Is that instant setting sail. His first plying shall be about Lundy, where he hopes to meet with Nutt. At least he shall secure those coming from Bristol fair. Begs a warrant for his lieutenant or some other captain to command the Ninth Whelp. Sends letter to be forwarded to his wife. Is sorry he must leave in a manner unsettled, but hopes God will provide for them all. [*One page.*]

July 23. Whitehall. 21. Minute of proceedings of the Council of the Society for the Fishing. They appointed Edward Nicholas and James Philp, clerks of the Council of the said Society. Underwritten is a memorandum that they were sworn accordingly on the 31st inst. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 23. 22. Copy of the same, with slight variations. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 23. 23. Original draft of the same, in the handwriting of Nicholas. [*One page.*]

July 23. Westminster. 24. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Has received his letter by the Sandwich post, and the tobacco. The Lord Treasurer is very well satisfied with his explanation respecting the fault of his master and boatswain. Thinks he need not acquaint the King. Sends letter for his transportation of the Earl of Leicester after he has landed Lord Ambassador Weston, but there is no Whelp to go with him. Sir Peter Osborne and the rest of the gentlemen that go for Guernsey hoped he would have sent them Capt. Stradling, for the other "Rothomontatho" is very infamous on that coast already, for having taken French friars and queanes aboard the King's pinnace. Order given for supply of his ship and that of Capt. Plumleigh, with such ordnance stores as they want, but it is thought strange they need any supply. Will do what he can for White and the boatswain as they are penitent. Knows not why the Earl of Leicester's journey goes on so slowly. Will send him a warrant for pressing two pilots. Hears that Sir Henry Marten is to have his place again, but it will not be till Pennington's employment is fully ended this year. The ground of the report is the Earl of Dorset's word alone. Conceives there is a purpose of Sir Kenelm Digby's friends to get Sir Henry Marten repossessed, that they may barter with him to get the office for Sir Kenelm. The King of Sweden is entrenched near Nuremburg, and the Duke of Bavaria and Wallenstein lie within three or four miles of him. No resolution yet concerning the numbers of men. Report that Capt. Plumleigh's lieutenant has slain or wounded a man near Canterbury; also that a Turkish pirate has chased two ships into the Needles. [*Two pages.*]

July 23. Windsor. 25. William Murray to Sir Henry Vane. If they had thought upon a cipher before Sir Henry's departure, could have acquainted him with that in Germany which must now be reserved for England. If the next packet comes by Kelwood, will both anger and please him with

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a few advertisements. Wishes he were here to tell his own tale, and that till then the writer might have some particular notion of his affairs, and instructions upon them how to govern himself. There is exercise for all his friends' tongues, for he is traduced as German and Puritan, the reason he hopes being that he runs a middle course which displeases both. [*One page.*]

July 23. Mitton. 26. Foulke Reed to George Rawden at Viscount Conway's lodgings in Durham Yard. Will see all things directed by him performed. Horses which will be suitable for Lord Conway's journey. Wishes to know when it will be. The Dowager Lady Conway has sent for a buck. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 23. 27. Names of offenders in cloth-making, and proofs of their offences, brought, according to direction, by Anthony Wither, to be presented to the Board. The cases mentioned are those of Samuel Workman and —— Chipp, who, being sworn overseers of the true making of cloth in Slatenford, co. Wilts, delivered their seal to the clothiers themselves, and allowed them to seal their own cloths; Edward Marks and Richard Auley, of Bradford, in the same county, who sealed cloths without searching them; and William Robins, one of the searchers of Bathwick, who confessed that he and his partner had given their seal to the clothiers. [*One page.*]

[July 23 ?] 28. Statement, also by Anthony Wither, of abuses remaining to be reformed in the inspection and sealing of cloth. [*One page and a half.*]

July 25. 29. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Council. Certificate that they have duly bound children apprentices and suppressed vagrants within the wapentakes of Candleshoe and Bolingbroke. [*Half a page.*]

July 25. The Convertive, in Dover Road. 30. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. As soon as he has transported Lord Ambassador Weston, whom he lies there ready to receive aboard, he will repair to Tilbury Hope, to await the coming of the Earl of Leicester. Wishes he might be hastened away. The time is far spent to go for the Sound, and to tarry forty days there, before they set sail to return. The going in and out from the Scaw is very dangerous, and especially in winter. Will order Capt. Stradling, that as soon as the Second Whelp shall return from Jersey and Guernsey, they both shall scour the seas to free them from pirates, preserve the King's regality, and assist the farmers of the customs. [*One page.*]

July 25. The Convertive, in Dover Road. 31. Peter White, master of the Convertive, to Nicholas. Thanks him for his loving answer about the unfortunate business of cloves and pepper, taken into that ship from Captain Hall and others of the Palsgrave. Sends him a true relation of the whole business. Begs him to stand his friend, and he will endeavour to be thankful. [*One page and a half.*]

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July 25. The Tower. 32. Capt. Francis Coningsby to Nicholas. Delivered to Sec. Coke an account of the unserviceable pieces of brass ordnance held meet to be new cast, at Chatham, Portsmouth, and in the ships, but for the castles, forts, and blockhouses, cannot make any return, as there has been no general survey since 1623. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July 25. 33. Officers of the Navy to the same. Warrant has been signed for felling 1,600 trees in Alice Holt. Considering the co. of Hants is already charged with a great burthen by the falls of timber in other forests, they beg him to move the Council for warrant on this occasion, to the county of Surrey. About 1,600 loads may arise from that number of trees, but the frame of the ship is to be moulded in the woods, which they esteem about 400 loads. [*One page.*]

July 25. Westminster. 34. James Howell to Capt. John Pennington. Lord Leicester is very glad that Capt. Pennington is nominated to transport him to Denmark. He intends to land at Elsinore, for which place he doubts not Pennington will choose an expert pilot. When he has landed Ambassador Weston, the Earl desires him to make speed to Tilbury, where he intends to embark the greatest number of his train, which in all will come to about 50, and thence to make about for North Yarmouth to embark himself. [*One page.*]

July 25. 35. Edward Viscount Conway and Killultagh to Lady Bridget Smith. Has a great desire to settle a good tenant at Hill Hall, that the house may be kept up. Has spoken divers times to Sir Henry O'Neale about it, and now sends a note of the conditions he offers, which, according to information given the writer, are indifferent. He has therefore given his consent, and prays her to do the like. [*Copy. One page.*] *Annexed,*

35. 1. *Offer above mentioned. The house is to be kept in repair in lieu of rent, and* 10*l. per annum to be paid for certain land.* [*Copy. One page.*]

July 25. Salop. 36. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures for relief of the poor adopted within the hundred of Ford. [*One page.*]

July 25. 37. Other Justices of Peace for co. Salop to the same. Similar certificate for the hundred of Chirbury. [*One page.*]

July 26. 38. Justices of Peace for co. York to the Council. Having informed themselves in what towns in the hundred of Agbrigg tobacco may be most conveniently vented by retail, they had written to the officers of Wakefield, Almondbury, and Huddersfield (the towns they think fittest for that purpose), and inclose their certificates. [*Half a page. Indorsed, "April* 1633. *Touching tobacco."*] *Inclose,*

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38. I. *Constables of Wakefield to Justices of Peace assembled there in Sessions. Certify that four named persons, three being described as grocers, may be permitted to sell tobacco by retail, with two innkeepers and two alehouse-keepers.* [*Half a page.*]

38. II. *Constables of Almondbury to Sir John Ramsden and John Kaye, Justices of Peace. Certify that two mercers and one oildrawer may be permitted to sell tobacco.* [*Half a page.*]

38. III. *Constables of Huddersfield to the same. One person named, a mercer, is fittest and sufficient to sell tobacco for their whole township, because so little tobacco is used in their town. Two besides have sold some little quantity, but say they will quite give it over.* [*Half a page.*]

July 26. London. 39. John Fish to [Sec. Coke]. Was commanded by the President to wait upon the Sec. yesterday with the bearer, a poor woman, and her memorial. But having deferred till this morning, he is now constrained to permit the poor soul to come to Tottenham to deliver her own petition. He will understand her without an interpreter. [*Three quarters of a page. Indorsed by Sec. Coke, "For Blankard. "Pardon obtained and sent by a messenger to Dorchester."*]

July 26. Exeter. 40. Edmund Arscott, Sheriff of Devon, to the Judges of Assize. No particular certificates have come to his hand, but the Justices of the Peace have been very active in putting in execution the Book of Orders for relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

July 26. 41. Information of Peter Heylyn, B.D., one of his Majesty's chaplains in ordinary, given to Sec. Coke. On the 22nd inst., having speech with Dr. Spicer at his house in Westminster, he told informant that being at dinner with the Bishop of Lincoln, at Bugden, on the 12th inst., his Lordship finding Spicer somewhat untractable in certain propositions, said to him openly, at his table, with great scorn and laughter, that he would cross him out of the catalogue of his friends, as the King had crossed him, the Bishop, out of the list of his Privy Council. Also, speech being had of the proclamation, which commands the gentry to their country houses, and a question moved how buildings could be hindered, the Bishop answered, in the same scornful manner, that the Lords of the Star Chamber could leap a statute when they pleased. Afterwards he said, that howsoever he had had some troubles in the Court, and that the King was made against him, he had made himself so strong, and stood so firmly, that he did not care for any of them all. And as for those who had made the King against him, they had done the King none of the best offices, for should there come a Parliament ("which news, "if thou hadst brought me thou hadst been a welcome man indeed"), then should such things be called to an account, that both the King and they should have cause to repent of meddling with him. Finally, that the Bishop spake such things to him in their private conference as he durst not repeat. [*One page.*]

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[July 26 ?] 42. Note by Dr. William Spicer, of words spoken by Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. That his Majesty had struck his name out of the Privy Council; that now and then the Lords of the Star Chamber did leap over statutes; that if there were a Parliament, he would call Sir John Lambe and others into question; that the words were spoken without any taunting, scoffing, or repining. [*Half a page.*]

July 26. 43. Sir Robert Phillipps to the Clerk of the Council in attendance. Received an order of Council of the 6th inst. with 75*l.* from Henry Ludlow, due to his son Edmund Ludlow, and instructions to inform himself of the debts of Edmund Ludlow, and employ that money in discharging them. Finds they amount to two hundred and odd pounds. Has endeavoured to compound them, and offered Edmund Ludlow 25*l.*, but he and his wife refuse to receive any, unless they may have all. If they had followed his directions, could have compounded most of the debts for which he is prisoner. Desires he may repay the money and be discharged. [*One page.*]

July 26. White Lackington. 44. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Thomas Luttrell, the Sheriff. Since the last Assizes, they have continued their execution of the statutes for relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

July 26. 45. William Gomeldon to ——. Wishes him to certify that the money the person addressed had authority to receive, was that given to the Queen of Bohemia in 1620, not that given to the King in 1620. Gomeldon's business comes on that day at the Council Board. [*One page.*]

July 27. 46. Petition of Lebbeus Croft, one of his Majesty's sworn gunners, to the Council. William White being arrested at the suit of James White, petitioner became bail to the action. James White being dead, and William White resident in Virginia, having paid the debt, as petitioner believes, yet one William Ravens, without asking any leave of his Majesty's officers, caused petitioner to be arrested by John Porter and Richard Short, who said if petitioner were ten king's servants, they would arrest him. He was detained in prison, with harsh usage, until he paid 15*l.* for the debt. Petitioner acquainted Viscount Tilbury therewith, who directed Sir John Heydon to take order therein, but nothing has been done. Prays them to maintain the privilege of his Majesty's servants. [*Copy.*]

Annexed,

46. I. *Copy reference of Viscount Tilbury to Sir John Heydon to vindicate the privilege of the gunners.* 1632, *May* 19.

46. II. *Copy report of Sir John Heydon recommending the due prosecution of the case to the Officers of the Ordnance, to whom he should be willing to join his industry and assistance.* 1632, *May* 25.

Written under the petition,

46. III. *Copy reference from the Council to Sir John Heydon to take a course for righting the petitioner. Whitehall,* 1632, *July* 27. [*Petition and other writings, one page.*]

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July 27. 47. Petition of Fishermen to the Council. They have been informed of the destruction of fish and fry by fishing with a trawl net. Beg them to appoint some persons experienced therein, to take a view of that manner of fishing, that the abuses, and not the lawful use, may be taken away. This engine has been well approved to be useful and necessary in times past. Two thousand poor people depend on the lawful use of it. *Underwritten,*

47. I. *Reference to Mr. Treasurer* [*of the Household*] *and Sec. Coke, to whom the matter has been heretofore referred by the Board. Whitehall,* 1632, *July* 27. [*Petition and reference, one page.*]

July 27. Bristol. 48. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. Capt. Hooke, in the Fifth Whelp, departed out of King Road the 16th inst., and in spite of contrary winds, has got into Ireland. On the 19th, Merritt, the footman, came down and brought Mr. Brooke his order. On the 20th, the Ninth Whelp was brought into King Road, and has been seen as low as Barnstaple. If these ships are victualled from three months to three months, doubts not the coast will be well guarded. Will perfect his account. Is indebted to some four of his neighbours about 90*l.* for provisions for these ships. The Irish fleet has safely arrived at their fair. P.S. Incloses letter from Capt. Hooke, just received by a son of Mr. Edisbury, who came to their fair. [*One page.*]

July 27. Clifford. 49. Sir Henry Rainsford to Sir Francis Nethersole. Will send him an assignment of the statute when he shall appoint. Very glad that they shall see his lady there. The writer mentions his mother and wife. [*One page.*]

July 27. Gillmorton. 50. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. The constables and overseers of the poor have made their customary presentments for the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*One page.*]

July 28. Bristol. 51. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. Has received a letter from Mr. Brooke that he has met with Capt. Hooke, and Mr. Morgan is gone aboard the Fifth Whelp for Ireland, to provide a supply of victuals for both ships. Brooke will keep up and down the channel to see if he can meet with the pirate, and also to waft over the Irish fleet from the fair. [*Half a page.*]

July 29. Plymouth Sound. 52. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Sec. Coke. Has gained as far to the westward as Plymouth, where he has anchored to take in a pilot for the Irish coast. Which done, intends to set sail for the Severn, and to ply about the Isle of Lundy, where he hears that Nutt's vice-admiral lies, expecting the return of the Irish merchants from the fair. Nutt is on the coast of Spain, but is daily looked for at the Long Island, where his wife stays his coming. Will diligently scour that place and Berehaven, which are said to be his two principal rendezvous. As soon as the writer gets into the Severn, will give notice to the Mayor, that if the merchants put themselves in a

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readiness, he will waft them to their ports in Ireland. Cannot hope to do any great service this year, the time is too far spent. [*One page.*]

July 29. Plymouth Sound; staying for a pilot for Ireland. 53. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Repeats information in the preceding. Wishes a warrant for his lieutenant. Doubts not he heard that he had a mischance, but the matter is nothing so, for the clown is very well recovered, though he deserved more than he had. [*One page.*]

July 29. Whittington. 54. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Thomas Ireland, Sheriff. Send all the presentments made to them at their last three monthly meetings for the hundred of Oswestry. They have inquired and taken order as the law directs, in matters relating to the relief of the poor. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

54. I.—XX. *Presentments by Surveyors of the Highways for parishes and places in the hundred of Oswestry made to the Justices of the Peace at their meeting on the 26th June* 1632.

54. XXI.—XXXVII. *Similar presentments made on the 1st July* 1632.

July 30. His lodging in the Charter House. 55. Sir John North to Sir Henry Vane. Will not fail to serve him, for fear of losing the best friend and conversation he ever had in Court. Many more are of his opinion, who find this progress more wearisome because Sir Henry is away. Lady Vane, through Sir John, had requested the Lord Keeper to bestow a living on Sir Henry's chaplain, Mr. Bowles. His Lordship accordingly offered him one in Wilts, but Mr. Bowles has not declared whether he will take it, it being not worth above 60*l.* per annum. [*One page.*]

July 30. London. 56. Sir Kenelm Digby to Sec. Coke. The bearer, Dr. Dorislaus, whom the writer brought to kiss the King's hand, comes to beseech the Sec. to procure from the King a warrant which the King promised him, which was that he might have sight and use of such papers of state as may conduce to the writing of the story that he is now in hand withal. Since Mr. Boswell is going out of England, requests that the warrant may be addressed to Mr. Dickenson. Great obligations which the writer owes to the Sec. [*One page. Indorsed by Sec. Coke, "Dr. Dorislaus to have recourse to records."*]

July 30. 57. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to Thomas Luttrell, the Sheriff. Return for a division not named, of measures taken for relief of the poor. They state "that (God be praised!) the scarcity "is now turned into plenty, and the price of all manner of grain "fallen well nigh to half the value that it was at." [*One page and three quarters.*]

July 31. The Court. 58. The King to William Lord Petre. The late King prevailed with Lord Petre, for his said Majesty's contentment at Newmarket, to lay down his warren at Kennet, his present Majesty taking the like pleasure in the conveniency of that place, both for air and

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disport, recommends to Lord Petre the same care, and if he will again take order to free that ground from conies, and fill the burrows, so as the King may with more security enjoy his sport there, he will accept it as an argument of his Lordship's observance of the King's desires. [*One page. Copy.*]

[July 31.] 59. The King to Sir William Soame. Similar letter with reference to Sir William's warren at Fricklam. [*One page. Copy.*]

July 31. 60. Form of oath to be taken by the clerks of the Council of the Society for the Fishing of Great Britain and Ireland, with underwritten memorandum of the Earl of Stirling and Lord Cottington, that the same had that day been taken by Nicholas and James Phillips [Philp.] [*One page.*]

July 31. The Henrietta. 61. Capt. Thomas Austen to Nicholas. Has proceeded against the trawlers, who rail at and curse him. Among them, William Crux, of Milton, told him it was not for his reputation to follow their Lordships' warrant, with other reviling and base speeches, and John Nicholson, of Rochester, has uttered the like foul speeches against Mr. Cooke and himself. Wishes the Lords to be acquainted therewith. Sends names of trawlers lately taken. [*Received by Nicholas, 2 August* 1632. *One page.*]

[July ?] 62. Petition of Francis May, on behalf of the Company of Tailors and Clothworkers of Ipswich, to the Council. The Bailiffs of that town, on the 1st June last, called the Company before them, and threatened to petition against them, unless they would proceed against Brian Copley, Robert Warne, and John Dunne, tailors, as they had against George Gawdy and John Mudd, whereupon the Company began to prosecute. Copley and Warne conform themselves, but Dunne stands out, and gives out that he cares not for imprisonment. Pray that Dunne may be compelled to conform. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

July. 63. Estimate by the Lords of the Admiralty and Officers of the Navy, of the sum required for converting the timber to the mould in the woods, for two new ships' frames to be built in 1633; total, 853*l.*, being part of an estimate of 4,237*l.* 16*s.* presented to [the Council?] on 7 November 1631. [*One page.*]

July. Copy of the same. [*See Vol.* ccix., *p.* 96.]

July. 64. Robert Earl of Lindsey to Sir Edward Wardour. Assignment of 60*l.*, part of 300*l.* remaining due to the Earl out of 1,000*l.* paid by him into the Exchequer for a lease of certain coppices in Shotover and Stow-wood, which it was afterwards found could not be granted to him, whereupon his 1,000*l.* was ordered to be repaid. The 60*l.* was a debt owing by the Earl to Sir Edward Wardour. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[July ?] 65. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to Gregory Brokesby, [the Sheriff. State their care in the execution of the laws for relief of the poor within the hundred of Framland. [*One page.*]

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July. 67. Minutes in the handwriting of Sec. Coke, "concerning patents "for forts," being probably the original draft of the "orders agreed "upon by the Council of War," upon this subject; *see Vol.* ccxviii., *No.* 36. [*One page. Indorsed by Sec. Coke with this date.*]

July. 68. Inventory of the late Sec. Dorchester's manuscripts, "which "are bound or stitched," and "are put in a great wooden chest in "his study, nailed and sealed up." In the indorsement, it is stated that this inventory was taken by Mr. Dickenson and Mr. Nicolls. These MSS. contained Lord Dorchester's correspondence during his various foreign embassies. [*Copy. Ten pages and three quarters.*]

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Aug. 1. Oatlands. 1. The King to Horace Lord Vere. Recommends Humphrey Sydenham, ensign in his company, for the next company that shall be in his disposal. Sydenham is described as having been Lord Vere's page in the Palatinate. He had continued since in the Low Countries, and was brother of a servant of the King, whom his Majesty esteemed. [*Minute. Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 1. 2. Justices of Peace for co. York to the Council. On receipt of their letters, sent warrants to the chief officers of Halifax, Bradford, and Eland, requiring them to certify whom they hold fit to sell tobacco by retail in those towns. Inclose their returns. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

2. I. *Certificate of Bailiff and others of Halifax that three persons named are fitting for the sale of tobacco by retail in that town.* 1632, *July* 20. [*Half a page.*]

2. II. *Similar certificate for Bradford, nominating six persons for the purpose mentioned. Bradford,* 1632, *July* 24. [*One page.*]

2. III. *Similar certificate for Eland, nominating one person.* 1632, *July* 29. [*Half a page.*]

Aug. 1. Ragley. 3. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. All things are prepared for Henry Holcott's journey to Ireland. Has sent the Penkridge mare. Thanks for a warrant for a buck. Lord Brooke is well pleased that he should be served beforehand, and out of Beauchamp's Court park, sparing those at Ragley. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Aug. 1. 4. Account of anticipations of the revenue, as they now stand charged. Among the payments are, for Mr. Ruthen [Patrick Ruthven?], 500*l.*; for the musicians, 100*l.*; total, 240,165*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.* [*One page and three quarters.*]

Aug. 2. The Ninth Whelp at sea. 5. William Brooke to Nicholas. Received their Lordships' letter the 19th July; the 20th put forth, and has been ever since plying to and again in the mouth of the Severn, to secure the ships that were bound up for St. James's fair. States his arrangements, and intention to guard them on their return; for here is a lurker in this channel who, as they hear, intends to make his voyage upon them. Afterwards intends to hasten over to Ireland with all speed, in order to know the pleasure of the Lords Justices. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 2. Drayton. 6. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Salop, as to their performance of the measures appointed for relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

[Aug. 2?] 7. Warrant for apprehension of William Crux, of Milton, near Sittingbourne, to answer matters to be objected against him. [*Undated; unsigned. See Vol.* ccxxi., *No.* 61. *Half a page.*]

Aug. 3. 8. Lord Treasurer Weston to the Officers of the Exchequer. To pay to Captain Mac Kay, Lord Reay, 200*l.*, part of 3,000*l.* assigned to him by the King of Denmark, for his service in the present wars, to be defalked out of money borrowed from that King by the late King James. [*Underwritten, order for payment by Sir Robert Pye, and memorandum of its being entered of record on* 9 *Nov.* 1632. *Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 3. Bulwick. 9. Sir Thomas Roe to Sec. Coke. Solicits the appointment of an English consul at Trapani, in Sicily. The person desired is recommended by Don Pietro Medici, uncle to the Duke of Tuscany. [*Copy. One page.*]

Aug. 3. Office of Ordnance. 10. Officers of the Ordnance to the same. Understanding by Mr. Nicholas, that a former survey and certificate of brass ordnance unserviceable, fit to be cast into serviceable pieces, heretofore presented to Sec. Coke, has been mislaid, they have sent an inclosed certificate, that the Council may give such directions as may be thought fit. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 3. London. 11. Sir Kenelm Digby to the same. "The inclosed" [probably the letter, *Vol.* ccxxi., *No.* 56.], was once at Oatlands to wait upon him, and Dr. Dorislaus with it; but the Sec. was newly gone thence to Windsor. Dorislaus beseeches the Sec. in his own good time to procure the desired warrant. The writer was lately where there was great debate about a warrant for raising 2,000 men for the Hollanders, which the Sec. had sent to the Dutch Ambassador, that he might alter what he thought fit. Some that were not well affected to the Sec. would have made much of this to his prejudice,

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inferring that his affections to Holland were so strong that he would not disguise them, howsoever, out of respect to the Lord Treasurer, he might sometimes seem otherwise. But the Lord Treasurer took his part nobly and zealously, justified his affections upon his knowledge that they were totally and solely English, and for the King's service, without relation to any parties, and that if any error were committed, it was but matter of form, which the Sec. having the foreign affairs so lately might mistake in. The Sec. knows how to make the best use of this. He will see what his ill-willers drive at. Captain Cooper has been with Sir Kenelm to borrow money of him. Having gotten a captain's place, he is so high upon it that he almost said, that if Sir Kenelm lent him none he would complain to the King. Sir Kenelm told his impertinences to the Earl of Dorset, and that he was confident that the King could receive no honour, nor his service be safe in such hands. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

Aug. 3. Rochampton. 12. Sir Tobie Matthew to [Sir Henry Vane]. He and others excuse their not hearing from Vane, on account of the many letters he is obliged to write to his higher friends. His friends of the noble house where Sir Tobie then was, and had been a good while, were truly his, and loved him, and took care of him, and spoke nobly of him, and so did the rest of such as Sir Tobie knew. Prays that the barbarism of others there make not his negotiation less prevailing than otherwise it would be. Perhaps the wheel of fortune may so turn with him, as that he may prove hereafter as unable as hitherto he has been unwilling to do much reason. All in that Court is as Vane left it. There was a strong opinion that the Cabalists would receive a blow, which they deserved well enough, yet Sir Tobie can discern no great decrease of felicity in them, from that wherein Vane saw them ever. [*Three pages.*]

Aug. 3. From under the South Foreland. 13. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Has attended these ten days the coming of Lord Ambassador Weston, and great part of it in very foul weather. Now waits under the South Foreland. The time of year goes away apace, and he is like to have a troublesome business with the Earl of Leicester. Suggestions sent to him as to place of embarkation, in case of adverse wind. Wishes Nicholas to arrange for stores with the Surveyor of the Victuals and Officers of the Ordnance, and to tell him where he is to land the Earl of Leicester on his return. Incloses copy of his warrant given to Capt. Stradling. Has caused him to put his flag in the fore-top, first, that all persons might take notice of her as one of the King's pinnaces; second, to tie Capt. Digby to command. [*Two pages and three quarters.*] *Inclosed,*

13. 1. *Capt. John Pennington to Capt. Henry Stradling, of the Tenth Lion's Whelp. On return of the Second Whelp he is to take her along with his own ship, and range the sea to the westward as high as the Land's End or the Lizard, to free the same from pirates. He is to preserve the*

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King's regality in the Narrow Seas, to assist the customers, and give notice of his proceedings to the Lords of the Admiralty or to Nicholas. The Convertive, in the Downs, 1632, *July* 28. [*Copy. One page.*]

Aug. 3. Westminster. 14. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Lord Ambassador Weston will be at Canterbury on Monday next, and at Dover to embark the next day. The Earl of Leicester will be ready before Pennington can be back at Tilbury Hope. Nicholas would meet Pennington there, but he intends to get leave to go into Wiltshire. Letter received from Capt. Plumleigh from Plymouth, where he touched to take in a pilot for Ireland. He was desirous to have had his lieutenant to have gone captain in the Ninth Whelp, which Sir Thomas Button commanded, and Capt. Fogg refused to go in, but the Earl of Dorset has got it for Capt. Cooper. Rumour that the King of Sweden has defeated Wallenstein, which is not credited. Maestricht holds out. Nicholas is appointed by the King to attend the Council for the Fishing business. [*One page.*]

Aug. 3. Bristol. 15. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. States contents of previous letters. Has received his letter with inclosure for Capt. Plumleigh. Forwards letter received from Mr. Brooke. Hears nothing of Capt. Plumleigh. Doubts he is in some harbour in the West country, for the wind has been westerly ever since he left the Downs. Ships for Ireland and Spain detained by it at Bristol. Mr. Brooke is coming to Penarth to waft them across. P.S. News that Capt. Hooke had been seen off Youghal, and that Nutt is in St. George's Channel, where he does great harm. [*One page.*]

Aug. 4. Salisbury. 16. Warrant of the Council for levying by sound of drum 2,000 voluntary soldiers, to recruit the four English regiments in the service of the States. [*Copy. One page and a half.*]

Aug. 4. 17. Notes by Sec Coke of answers to various petitions, apparently written from time to time during the King's progress. They include petitions of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, for quieting his possession of certain lands [referred to the Lord Keeper]; Robert Walthew, serjeant of the confectionary [grant sought to be prepared by the Attorney General, if the Lord Treasurer think fit]; Cecily Crofts [grant to Calverley and Booth resumed, and a grant to be made to petitioner]; Francis Chaplain [these prisoners to be delivered in exchange]; Lady Grenville, *alias* Howard [his Majesty thinks not fit to refer the acts of his courts to any interpretation without important cause]; Sir Thomas Phillips [referred to Attorney General and Sir John Banks]; Patrick Black [the Lord Keeper and Mr. Attorney to report]; William Weare, of London, for leave to sue a Scottish master in the Admiralty for wages [denied]; Edmund Fortescue, Miles Dodson, and others [referred to the Lord Keeper and others to certify]; Bristol captives at Algiers [to be released out of the general collection]; Mrs. Harding [reference to the Lord Privy Seal and others to investigate facts, respecting an annuity

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granted by the late Earl of Suffolk, and to persuade the Countess not to decline the payment thereof]; Sir Noel Caron's heirs [lands to be sold and disposed according to the testator's will.] [*Three pages and a half.*]

[Aug. 4?] 18. Another similar paper of notes. The petitions dealt with here are one for a pardon for James Smith, Henry Cory, and John Wright, convicted of piracy, and the boy, Peter Stevens [granted]; and those of James Eveleigh [consideration of this prebend referred to the two Archbishops and the Bishop of London, calling to them the Attorney General]; Andrew Burton [*See Vol.* ccxix., *No.* 9. Referred to the Lord Keeper, Bishop of London, and Attorney General, to settle the estate given for repairing St. Paul's]; Donald Lord Reay [the Attorney General shall take sufficient security, that the petitioner shall not attempt anything upon the person of David Ramsey, and may thereupon give order for his liberty.] [*One page and a half, with the addition, on another page, of notes by Coke, in connection with some French despatch.*]

Aug. 4. Westminster. 19. Nicholas to Sec. Coke. Sends him letters received from Capt. Plumleigh and the Officers of the Ordnance, and states the contents of the last letter from Robert Kitchen. Lord Ambassador Weston goes towards Dover on Monday morning, and resolves to embark on Tuesday. No meeting of Council on Wednesday last, nor will be till next Wednesday, all the Lords being out of town. No meeting of the Council of the Society for Fishing till the King come to Hampton Court. Rumours that the King of Sweden has defeated Wallenstein, but Mr. Burlamachi says there is no certain news from Germany. Nicholas's father lives near Sarum, and can send letters every Tuesday. [*One page, with addition on the next leaf of some notes by Coke, of a passage to be introduced into some royal letter to be written in Latin.*]

Aug. 5. The Assurance, under Lundy. 20. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty That day arrived at Lundy, where Smyth, vice admiral to Nutt, has lately been, expecting the coming of the Irish merchants from St. James's fair. The writer has sent notice to Bristol that he is ready to waft them over, if they will put themselves in one body. Hears that one of the Whelps is gone for Ireland and that the other lies about Caldy near Milford. As soon as he shall meet with them will dispose of himself and them to the best advantage for the prosecution of Nutt. He shall take no rest upon that coast. [*One page.*]

Aug. 5. 21. Account of Matthew de Quester for carriage of foreign packets for his Majesty's service from 19 June last to this date. Total, 30*l.* 12*s.* [*Three pages. Underwritten is a memorandum of Sec. Coke that he had passed a bill to Sir William Uvedale for* 30*l. to be paid to de Quester. In the indorsement it is stated that these packets were sent by de Quester "since he had given over "his place."*]

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Aug. 6. London. 22. Sir Kenelm Digby to Sec. Coke. Writes at Capt. Plumleigh's request to second a suit of his, though the writer conceives it now too late. Cooper is put into the Ninth Whelp, that Plumleigh would have had for his Lieutenant. But haply it may be time, for Sir Kenelm does not think Cooper will be able to go to his ship in any reasonable time for want of money. If the Lieutenant have that ship, Capt. Plumleigh will make the writer's cousin Kenelm Digby his Lieutenant in the other's room. The writer has little knowledge of the Lieutenant, whose name he thinks is Lovell, but for Kenelm Digby he is a discreet and well-tempered gentleman. Is sorry he cannot so much commend his other kinsman, Capt. Simon Digby, who has courage and is honest, but has not brain enough for command. When this voyage is expired will no more be a suitor on his behalf. [*One page and a half.*]

Aug. 6. Bulwick. 23. [Sir Thomas Roe] to Henry Earl of Holland. Moved his Majesty long since and often concerning a reconciliation of all the Protestant churches in Europe. Since, there has been such progress made that it seems merely the motion of the Prince of Peace. Has had freshly so large an account that he beseeches the Earl to let his Majesty know, that it may by his help be done, and not without it. If the King take not care of the King of Sweden, not so much by money, or that only, as by countenance and reputation of unity, though an enemy cannot beat him out of Germany, cold and jealous friends may undermine and undo him. His subsistence there arose from opinion of him and the Princes' necessity. If they begin to think they can find another way to a drowsy security, though it deceive them, they will abandon him, and if he forsake the cause, or the cause cast him off, the general enemy will return more provoked to revenge. Sir Thomas is as unwilling to write as to know that that brave prince is in danger if the King support him not, and though some reasons may retard Sir Thomas from being a builder, he must aid as a buttress to keep up the work. If his Majesty at any time remember the writer, he can never decline his service; if he call, the writer answers, *Adsum, domine.* He sees many occasions, is there none for him? Are all men thought and cared for, he only forgotten? [*One page and a half. Copy.*]

Aug. 6. Newton. 24. Thomas Wolley to Sir Francis Nethersole. Sir Thomas Holte writes that certain deeds and Sir Henry Goodyere's bond are ready to be delivered up on payment of the amount due. Wishes to hear from him what that is. Leonard Tubury will pay in his Michaelmas rent now to pay Sir Thomas. David Corbinson says he has fully written concerning Mr. Corbyn and his father. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 6. 25. Receipt by Dr. William Juxon for 614*l.* paid by Bishop Laud towards his buildings in St. John's College, Oxford. [*Half a page.*]

Aug. 7. 26. Petition of Thomas Norgate, mariner, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth past services and prays to be admitted

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boatswain in one of the ships now building. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

26. 1. *Certificate of Sir William Russell, Sir Henry Palmer, and Kenrick Edisbury as to the competency of Thomas Norgate.* 1632, *Aug.* 7. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 8. 27. Petition of George Bedford, his Majesty's Officer for trying and sealing Madder, to the Council. By order of 9 December 1631 petitioner was suspended from the execution of his office till Mr. Attorney should make report what use there is of the office. On reading Mr. Attorney's report that the office was useful, neither the Lord Treasurer nor the Lord Cottington being present, no order was made. Prays that he may proceed with the execution of his office. [*Half a page. The Council ordered this day that the Attorney General should consider what fees would be fit to be allowed the petitioner on his resuming the execution of his office. Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 183.]

Aug. 8. Charb[orough.] 28. Sir Walter Erle to John White, preacher of God's word at Dorchester. Mr. Walton, White's kinsman, being at Charborough, the writer asked him what became of the project of bringing in the man that heretofore styled himself "the King's conformable clerk," to succeed him at Seaton. Sir Walter was, as it should seem, the first man that brought it to Mr. Walton's knowledge. He says that the onset on the part of "the conformable clerk" is somewhat strong, and that if his own forwardness had been as much as the others, the business had in effect been at an end. White will remember Sir Walter's statement of the mischief likely to come to those parts if it should take effect. Good men are shy of this man in places where he is most and best known. Begs White for his own credit as well as that of the place and country not to have any hand in giving way to his restless spirit. Mr. Walton will acquaint White of Sir Walter's desire concerning notice of the Earl of Clare's arrival. [*One page.*]

Aug. 9. The Duchy House. 29. Henry Viscount Falkland to Sec. Coke. Wrote to him by Sir Henry Hungate and now repeats his request, that he would send the writer his son's business which the Sec. had dispatched before his departure from Oatlands, and that he would afford the like favourable dispatch to his daughter's that has long depended. Others' neglects made him and his suffer extremely; from the Sec. he expects not a seconding of that little commendable humour in whomsoever, but rather a supply of their defects by his better respect, whereof former experience gives him much cause of confidence. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 9. The Downs. 30. Capt. John Pennington to Nicholas. Landed Lord Ambassador Weston last night and all his train and baggage in safety and to his very great content at Boulogne, and has that instant returned thither, where he hoped to have met with the rest of his victuals and his gunner's and boatswain's stores. Begs they may be sent to Margate Road, where he goes on the morrow to attend the coming

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of the Earl of Leicester's servants and provisions. This employment will not be without danger in their coming back, therefore begs him to hasten everything away, especially the gunner's stores and their pilot, an expert man for the coast of Norway, which is the most dangerous of all. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Aug. 10. The Second Lion's Whelp, in South Yarmouth Roads.

31. Capt. Simon Digby to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reports that he came on the 26th July to Portsmouth and the 7th August took aboard Sir Peter Osborne, Sir Philip Carteret, and Sir Francis Rainsford, with their followers at the Cowes, but the wind coming south-west, he was forced to anchor, where he still remains. Many ships are riding at the Cowes, expecting a wind for the Straights and West Indies, both of English and Hollanders. [*One page.*]

Aug. 10. Crock and Pill, near Bristol.

32. Capt. Dawtry Cooper to Nicholas. Came to Bristol the 8th instant. Where his ship is he can learn no certainty. The master has left word that the writer will find him at Waterford or Dublin. Lies there wind-bound at a great charge, having three more besides himself to pay for, so that he is likely to purchase his ship at a dear rate. Wishes him to give their Lordships a touch of this, that they may keep him longer in employment. Purposes to recover Waterford with the next opportunity, and if he find not his ship, thence to Dublin, and thence to hunt the Lord knows whither. Divers persuade him the master will make him hunt as long as he can. If he finds any trick in him, shall make choice of such a master as may most advance his Majesty's service. [*One page.*]

Aug. 10. Bristol.

33. Robert Kitchen to the same. On the 4th, hearing that Mr. Brooke was at Penarth, near Cardiff, the writer hired a footman, and sent by him Nicholas's letter to Capt. Plumleigh. The footman had a cruel journey, but on the 5th he got aboard the ship and delivered the packet to Mr. Brooke. He wrote that he would use all means to meet with his Admiral and deliver the letter. Has since heard that Capt. Plumleigh's ship is come to Lundy, and he has sent to the Mayor to give notice of his coming into the Channel. Hopes Brooke is with him. Capt. Cooper came thither on the 8th. Advised him to see the Admiral, Capt. Plumleigh, and that at Waterford he should find his ship very shortly, for she goes into Ireland to victual. [*One page.*]

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34. Edward Viscount Conway to Foulke Reed. Has sent down by Rawden the office found. Was about to make a journey to Ragley to advise with him on the appropriation of his rents in his absence, but finds he cannot leave London till he has some end of his answers, which alters the case. If Mr. Weld comes to him, he is to advise with him. [*Draft. One page and a quarter.*]

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[Aug. 10?] 35. Edward Viscount Conway to Foulke Reed. Arrangement to be made as to the proportion of wood to be set out for the Dowager Lady Conway. Authorizes him to make a final end with Lord Brooke. Directions as to horses and other matters. [*Two pages. Draft.*]

Aug. 13. 36. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to the Council. Certificate that the roads within the hundreds of Odsey and Edwinstree, and especially between Royston and Buntingford, are daily torn up with malt carts, who commonly carry 14 quarters of malt weight at one time. Unless maltsters and loaders be enjoined to carry on horseback between All Saints and May-day, as in former times, there will not be found materials in the country to repair the roads nor make them passable. [*One page.*]

Aug. 13. Westminster. 37. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Has got a letter from the Lords to the Officers of the Ordnance to forward his stores, and also to Mr. Fleming, Clerk of the Navy, to hasten to him a pilot and boatswain's stores, and he has sent to quicken the victualler. The Earl of Leicester will be ready to go away this week. Incloses a warrant where to land him. Could get no more hands to it. The Earl of Dorset is at the Queen's Court, and the Sec. with the King. Goes to-morrow with his wife towards his father's, near Salisbury, and has leave to be absent three weeks. Shall not fail to be back on 8th September, which is the day the King will be here. Sir Kenelm Digby has written to his cousin Captain, chiding him for his carriage. No news from Maestricht or Germany, only that Pappenheim is come to the Archduchess, but his army cannot pass Cologne, where that Bishop opposes them. The King is at Beaulieu. Sir Robert Anstruther or Sir Kenlm Digby shall go Ambassador to reside in France. That kingdom is in great distraction by the joining of the Duke of Montmorency with Monsieur, who has taken all Languedoc. P.S. Is told that Mr. Graham has arrived from the Marquis Hamilton, with news that the King of Sweden has defeated all the Emperor's forces, slain the Duke of Bavaria (whose corpse he had found among the dead), and routed all Wallenstein's army. God bless those who fight His battles, and for the Gospel! Capt. Plumleigh was at Lundy on the 5th, and before this is on the coast of Ireland. [*Two pages.*]

Aug. 15. Beaulieu. 38. The King to Theophilus Earl of Lincoln, Montagu Bertie Lord Willoughby, and the rest of the Commissioners of Sewers for draining the Fens in co. Lincoln. Formerly, by the mediation of Sir Robert Killigrew, Vice-Chamberlain to the Queen, his Majesty recommended to them certain persons to drain the Level of Fens in that county, who have proceeded accordingly with that part of the Level which lies on the north-east side of the Witham. Being resolved that the other part of the Level shall now be proceeded with, recommends to them Robert Earl of Lindsey, Sir Robert Killigrew,

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and Robert Long to be undertakers, and that they proceed to make a bargain with them, expediting their contracts, and doing whatsoever they can to the accomplishment of their work. [*One page.*]

Aug. 15. Manor of St. Mary, near York. 39. Commissioners for compounding with Recusants in the Northern Counties to the Sheriffs of cos. Derby and Leicester. Warrant for the discharge of Sir Henry Merry, of Barton, co. Derby, he having made composition with the Commissioners for an annual rent to be paid to his Majesty for his lands in those counties. [*Three quarters of a page. Copy.*]

Aug. 16. Beaulieu. 40. Minutes taken at Beaulieu by Sec. Coke, of reports there made by Mr. Boate, employed in preparation of timber in the New Forest, for the ships about to be built for the Navy, and also in repair of the fortifications and various ships at Portsmouth, and by Thomas Williams, the purveyor. The latter complains of the many froward and insolent people, who will not accept reasonable wages, nor perform their work of carriage. Letters to be written to the Justices to assist him therein. [*Three pages.*]

Aug. 16. Bulwick. 41. Sir Thomas Roe to Sir Francis Fane. Advises him on the future course of his travels. From Germany he should proceed into Italy, beginning that language in Geneva, and perfecting it in Florence. Sends him a list of his way, and abodes, and an address to Mons. Serrazin, one of the principal in Geneva, both in authority and understanding. Advises him, when he cannot have the best company for virtues and quality to have none, and that his studies have men and action for their objects rather than towns, and that the best thing he can bring home is language and a good Englishman. Warns him that he will see much idolatry and outward devotion, and urges him, if he doubts, to fly to the oracle, God's Book, where he shall find no image worship, no Christ made of bread, no purgatory, no merit, no supererogation, no church treasure, no mediator but the Lamb. If they tell him of antiquity, to distinguish *originem ab antiquo*, and to remember that truth is the elder brother. All wisdom, policy, safety, is religion. For his studies advises him to use history, then arts; these make a man subtle, that profound. And of history, choose to read the times most like our own; an epitome is enough of the obscurer ages. [*One page and three quarters. Copy.*]

Aug. 18. Pwllheli Road. 42. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Complains of the captains with whom he is matched; the one a notorious drunkard, and enured to laziness; the other contentious and refractory. To add to this, the victualler has victualled them but till the 29th inst., and has farmed them for the future to the purser of the Ninth Whelp, at an under rate of sixpence per man, so that he is assured he shall find them for the most part in harbour, with a bag and a bottle. Sends a letter to the Lords, which he leaves open. Begs his advice. [*One page.*]

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Aug. 20. Beaulieu. 43. Sec. Coke to Lord Treasurer Weston. On the report of Mr. Avery's proceedings brought by Sir Francis Nethersole they apprehend no small offence against the harsh encroachments which give but little hope of good issue in the Ambassador's negotiations. If the Lord Treasurer be of the same mind, and the King appear in no other posture to the Ambassador when they meet, there seems little cause why his Lordship should spend any long time there or charge. The Sec. has therefore framed new Instructions both to express the sense his Majesty has of this unkind dealing with himself and his sister, and the necessity to press for nomination of Commissioners for liquidating accounts to meet at the Hague. When that shall be obtained, thinks his Lordship may do well to return home, not lingering upon the humours of a Prince transported far otherwise than they had reason to conceive. This supplement of Instructions is approved by the King and the Lords there, and alone retards his Lordship's departure. Wishes him to settle an allowance for Mr. Avery, and thanks him for his own allowance. [*One page and three quarters. Copy.*]

Aug. 20. 44. Churchwardens and others of the parish of St. Mary Cray, Kent, to the Court of Wards. Certificate that through the neglect of Mr. Thursby the chapel of their church had fallen into such decay that it is not fit for any use, and that William Hughes, guardian of Alexander Ha**n, his Majesty's ward, whose ancestors erected the said chapel, is desirous to repair the same if the Court would make an allowance for the repairs out of the revenues of the ward. [*Memorandum underwritten that 5l. allowed. One page. Very much damaged by damp.*]

Aug. 20. 45. Reasons conceived by William Kenrick for answer to the project delivered to the Commissioners for buying land with the 3,600*l.* which is now employed in the manufacture of cloth in John Kenrick's house [at Reading] for the employment of the poor. Among other reasons alleged is the uncertainty of the continuance of the trade of clothing within that town. Almost all their neighbour towns in Berkshire which were formerly good clothing towns are now decayed and not one cloth made in them, and it may be feared that their town may be in like case. Twenty years ago there were 150 cloths made there weekly, and now not above 40. [*One page.*]

Aug. 22. 46. Minute by Sec. Coke of information by Mr. Goodwin, one of the four principal Masters of the Navy, and Mr. Milles, Captain of Calshot Castle, of illegal exports from the Isle of Wight by Newland and his sons. Corn was by exportation rendered so dear about three weeks since that the people of the Island were ready to mutiny. [*One page.*]

Aug. 22. 47. Affidavit of Thomas Bradshew, citizen and joiner of London. Served his apprenticeship about 21 years ago with Francis Feltness, joiner, who had certain shops towards the streets in Fulwood's Rents, where the brick wall now stands, being part of the lands

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of Sir George Fulwood. There were two shops in the place aforesaid, and he and four other apprentices lodged together in two several beds in the shop that his master held. [*Copy. Marked as examined by Christopher Walker, Clerk of the Commissioners for new buildings. One page.*]

Aug. 22. 48. Affidavit of Robert Steevens, messenger for the service for relief of poor distressed prisoners according to his Majesty's Commission. Robert Morland, a poor distressed man, prisoner in the Fleet at the suit of John Lewis, craved the benefit of his Majesty's mercy, whereupon a summons was issued by the Commissioners to John Lewis to appear. Having neglected to do so an attachment was issued against him. Steevens served the attachment on the 28th July last past, whereupon the said Lewis said, "What "care I for the King, or his Commission, or Commissioners, for "they have no power to give away my debt. As for your war- "rant, I will not obey it, for I can make as good a one under a "hedge and wipe my tail with it. Unless the Commission were "confirmed by Act of Parliament, I will go when I list, and come "when I list, nor never a messenger in England shall make me come "but when I list." [*One page.*]

Aug. 23. The Duchy House. 49. Henry Viscount Falkland to Sec. Coke. Learnt it by an old and finds it confirmed by a new experience, that courtiers' affections often grow cool to the absent, and men of great employments, being otherwise of great abilities, have commonly ill memories of suitors affairs who are not present to solicit their own dispatches with importunity. Urges him to send the privy seal for his son's arrear due to himself and his company, which long since had his Majesty's hand for it. Hopes also he will now give the writer's daughter's business a dispatch. [*One page.*]

Aug. 23. Bristol. 50. William Brooke to Nicholas. Has been at Porthelle [Pwllheli] with their Admiral to look for Nutt and his prize, but finding him gone from thence Capt. Plumleigh ordered Brooke to come to Bristol. Coming in with but five days' victuals, has been enforced to victual three weeks on his own charge. If better order be not taken for money from the Lords of Ireland the service must needs suffer. The 20th came to Bristol; the 26th hopes to be under sail for Waterford, whither their Captain is gone to meet them. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 24. Gillmorton. 51. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Certificate of presentments made to them of punishment of vagabonds, and other matters given them in charge within the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*One page.*]

Aug. 24. Whttehall. Order of the Commissioners for Pious Uses. The cellars and vaults discovered on taking down the house of Elizabeth Porter not being filled up, it is ordered that Ewin Birch, one of the messengers of the Chamber, shall take to him two experienced master masons and cause them to certify how far the foundations of St. Paul's are endamaged thereby. [*See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 24. *Half a page.*]

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Aug. 24. Similar order. The owners of houses adjoining St. Paul's Church from the Great South Gate to the East End having made composition for their interests and received the same out of the Chamber of London, are to cause their houses to be pulled down by the feast of St. Michael. [*See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 24. *Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 26. 52. Sir James Bagg to Nicholas. In consequence of a mistake is only able to send him five ounces a quarter and a half [of tobacco?], which is not so good neither, being in crumbles. The rest he shall have to make it a pound as soon as he returns. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 26. Chatham. 53. Capt. Phineas Pett to the same. The carpenter of the Garland "is so desperately diseased with a most contagious French "infection that there is no possibility of his recovery," and therefore the writer may style him dead, "and if he should recover he "is not held fit to be any longer continued in his Majesty's "service." Recommends Robert Fisher in his place. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Aug. 26. 54. Note of three trawls taken by Capt. Thomas Austen, of the Henrietta, since the 1st inst. [*Half a page.*]

Aug. 27. Fulmer. 55. Sir Sampson Darrell to Nicholas. To procure him a letter from the Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords Justices of Ireland for payments for victualling in arrear. Begs for the same before the Lord Deputy goes over. [*One page.*]

Aug. 27. Westchester, taking water for Ireland. 56. Capt. John Powell to the same, as Clerk to the Council of War. Is happy that he is come to enjoy that place, and hopes he will stand his friend. None of the Lords take into consideration the grievances of his wounds. They intended to give him a command of some castle, but the means of such an appointment are so small that a man cannot subsist thereon. His desire is for a company in Ireland, or a pension on account of his wounds. [*One page.*]

Aug. 29. Deptford. 57. Henry Goddard to Sec. Coke. Complains of want of timber to enable him to proceed in building a King's ship at Deptford. Also that he had been examined upon interrogatories by Sir Kenelm Digby and Capt. Pett, on the complaint of Kenrick Edisbury, and he, his son, and his foreman subjected to very ill treatment. Will continue his work and will not say, as Andrew Burrell did, that he would as soon build a ship in hell as in Deptford Yard, but is a humble suitor that he may be strengthened in his command. The measure of the King's ships is now fairly writ out in a scroll, by the old rule and the new, which he could not perfect before the Sec. went the progress. [*Three pages.*]

Aug. 29. Deptford. 58. The same to Nicholas. Sends the above letter to be forwarded. Begs him to remember the writer's petition when the Lords meet. [*Half a page.*]

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Aug. 29. 59. James Howell to Capt. John Pennington. Against Saturday or Monday next the hoy will be ready to carry the Earl of Leicester's servants and furniture to Pennington. His Lordship intended to send his steward to Yarmouth to make provision of fresh victuals, but understanding that Sir Henry Vane had been accommodated by Pennington, he wishes to know whether he could do the like courtesy for him. His Lordship will have at his own table, besides himself, some eight or nine, some ten gentlemen attendants, and some 20 besides of serving-men, footmen, and cooks. There shall be sent in the hoy a buck or two baked in pies, and four or five of the fairest chines of beef pickled, and some wine. Presumes the Earl's voyage will be at an end at Hamburgh. [*One page.*]

Aug. 30. Deptford. 60. Kenrick Edisbury to Sec. Coke. Sir William Russell is ill of the gout. With his privity the writer certifies that Mr. Boate received 300*l.* for himself and the purveyors on the 17th inst. Capt. Pett will take order about sending ships to fetch the timber from Redbridge, but the writer is of opinion that long ships fit for that service will hardly be gotten, for two reasons. 1. Because the owners not having been paid for former services will not fit their ships. 2. Because they are Flemish bottoms, too long to turn the narrow creeks near Redbridge. The ship at Woolwich is now forwarder than this at Deptford, by reason of better supply of provision. Mr. Goddard fears out of this Flemish bottom he shall not have beams enough to lay his main orlop. Sir Kenelm Digby is lying at the house of the Treasurer, Sir William Russell, and is ready to give dispatch to all who call for it. If the gunner's stores lately supplied at Portsmouth were suddenly surveyed, there would be little of it found aboard already. [*Three pages.*]

[Aug ?] 61. Bishop Wright, of Bristol, to Sec. Windebank. Thanks him for speedy conveyance of a letter from his ever honoured good Lord, which he received the 21st inst. The contents were bitter, but a sweet bitter, in every word of which Windebank's care and counsel for the Bishop's good were clearest, and these together with his innocency supported him. Has returned a true narration of the fact concerning Hayes, which he ever reckoned the fairest flower in his garland, but resigned it, when by commendam he might have kept it, into the late King's hands. In the confidence of a good conscience, a just judge, and an honourable advocate, he hopes to regain his Majesty's former good opinion. [*One page.*]

[Aug. ?] 62. Account of payments made at the Exchequer to Sir James Bagg, in discharge of his expenditure in providing ships and victuals for the expeditions to the Isle of Rhé and Rochelle. [*One page and three quarters.*]

[Aug. ?] 63. Minute of application of the Surveyor of the King's Highways, that his Majesty being to take his journey to Royston and

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Newmarket, the whole county of Hertford may be enjoined to repair the ways between Ware and Royston, that malt carts be restrained, and waggons confined to five horses. If this restraint be only from Michaelmas to Lady-day, it will be a great help. [*One page.*]

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Sept. 1. Willingdon. 1. Justices of Peace for Sussex to the Council. According to their letter of the 27th June last, they have called before them Herbert Lunsford, Sergeant Scudamour, and Stephen Hastings, and find that Sir Thomas Pelham, being on the 26th June hunting an outlying deer in his own ground, near his own park, one of his hounds going not far into the grounds of Thomas Lunsford, Stephen Hastings, at the command of Herbert Lunsford, shot the same. Nicholas Scudamour was not there. They have bound Herbert Lunsford and Stephen Hastings to the next quarter sessions, and intend to prosecute Hastings "for his shooting in the gun." [*One page.*]

Sept. 2. Stafford. 2. Justices of Peace for co. Stafford to Thomas Broughton, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken by them for relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

Sept. 3. Alsenholte. [Alice Holt.] 3. Peter Pett to [the Officers of the Navy]. Reports that 280 trees have been felled, and 82 timbers hewed to the mould. The Justices have appointed the country to bring 200 carts by the 20th inst., all of which will be laden with moulded timber. The timber proves very sound. Solicits warrant for what yard his frame may be delivered at. Suggests Deptford by reason of his house and family. [*Copy. One page.*]

Sept. 3. Feering. 4. Dr. Robert Aylett to Bishop Laud. Has no certainty of the commission in their division for St. Paul's. The people at Colchester are like them of Ephesus. Their Diana is their liberty, and none but their town-clerk can appease their tumult. Without a letter to the bailiffs, St. Paul's cause will have little favour. About Chelmsford and Dunmow the officials visit this year *ecclesiatim*, and so compel the several parishes to build and repair their own parish churches. Mr. Hervey, official to Dr. Goodman, will do nothing to dishonour the Bishop's government, or his own reputation. But for Mr. Laques [Lake?], surrogate to Dr. Swalman, he doth *male audire* in the country, and his superiors cannot but suffer with his miscarriage. Two years ago the writer visited *ecclesiatim*, but took not a penny for his charges; his end was to amend and repair the churches not his purse, but he doubts Mr. Laque, having respect to both, has not only hindered the contribution to St. Paul's, but brought much obloquy upon himself and their profession. There is a cloud arising

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which threatens a foul storm. A great professor on Friday last, being in high discontent, rode post towards the sea, threatening to leave the care of wife, children, family, and all, and live in a strange country; but being better advised, fell into some merry Catholic company, and danced and played out Saturday and Sunday, and returned home. Doubts whether Mr. Hooker would approve of this course, if he had still continued in England, and fears Mr. Petre will openly tax it in the pulpit of Rotterdam, if it comes to his knowledge. [*Two pages and a half.*]

Sept. [4?] Stidwales Bay. 5. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty. On the 20th August gained Dublin, where he received intelligence from divers Scots that use the herring fishery, that Nutt and his companions were in the Isle of Bute trimming their ships, and selling to the inhabitants their piratically gotten goods. Obtained licence from the Justices of Ireland to make a start thither, and sailed the same evening. The wind becoming adverse, they were obliged to stop four tides. The same wind brought the rogues out, and on Thursday morning they bore up, intending to lay them aboard. Coming near, they found their error, and having the weather gauge of them, "sprung their luffs" to be gone. Plumleigh bestowed upon them 30 great shot, of which he learns Nutt received 10 through his own ship, and doubts not but his fellow had as good share. They made no answer, but trusted to their heels, and being clean and light ships, after three or four hours' chase, wrought Plumleigh out of sight. If he had had one of the Whelps, could not have missed taking him, or had the winds favoured, should have surprised him at anchor. Can expect little help from the Whelps, the deputies of Sir Sampson Darrell being extreme slack in furnishing them with victuals, and wholly intending their own benefit, not his Majesty's service, but doubts not (if the villain have not quitted the coast), to be able to say ere long, *vici*, as well as *veni, vidi*. Is shaping his course for Long Island, and thence to Lundy and Caldy, which are the pirates' dens. A contagious sickness has fallen on board Plumleigh's ship. Has heaved six overboard, and has 14 more sick. [*Two pages.*]

Sept. [4?] Stidwales. 6. The same to Nicholas. Has left the previous letter open that he may see the contents. The Whelps are to him things not in *rerum naturâ*. They spend as they take in victuals, and consequently are obliged to hang about the port's mouth for fear of starving. This coast very dangerous for great ships in winter, neither is it possible for them to keep the sea. Beseeches him therefore, that by the end of October he may have order how he shall dispose of the Assurance. [*One page.*]

Sept. 4. 7. Counterpart agreement between Endymion Porter, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, and Edward Tottie, of London, gentleman. Tottie having found out certain marsh lands, called North Sommercotes and South Sommercotes in co. Lincoln, which belong to his Majesty, Porter has procured a grant thereof. It is agreed

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that within three months after the same shall be conveyed to him by Letters Patent, he will convey one-sixth part to Tottie, in compensation of the claims of the owners of common, and the undertakers for inning and embanking the same. [*One page.*]

Sept. 4. 8. Affidavit of Sir William Russell, of Witley, co. Worcester, Bart., that his Majesty's letter, dated 11th June last, directed to Sir Thomas Russell and this deponent, wherein his Majesty commanded them to cause the ranger and keepers of Malvern Chase to be sent up by the Sergeant-at-Arms, was divulged, and that two copies were shown to deponent before the letter itself was delivered to Sir Thomas Russell, his father. [*Half a page.*]

Sept. 5. 9. Nicholas Stone and Edmund Kinsman to the Council. Certificate that the decay of the foundations of St. Paul's, occasioned by the cellar of the house of Elizabeth Porter, will take up "96 foot of "stone, at 18*d.* the foot," and the workmanship will come to 8*l.* [*One page.*]

Sept. 5. Westminster. 10. James Howell to Capt. John Pennington. The Earl of Leicester is resolved to go for the Elbe and no further. Some additions are made to the embassage, which is the reason of this delay. They lade the hoy to-morrow, and on Wednesday or Thursday following the Earl intends to be at Margate with his whole train. In the meantime Pennington is desired to make provision for his table and his company. [*One page.*]

Sept. 6. Kinsale. 11. Capt. Dawtry Cooper to the Lords of the Admiralty. Gives account of his time from the date of his commission till his recovery of his ship on the 5th inst., after an expenditure of 54*l.* 15*s.*, besides 80*l.*, which it may please them to remember it cost him when Sir Thomas Button had her from him before. Hopes they will continue him in employment at least until he has recovered this amount. [*One page.*]

Sept. 6. Rochester. 12. Capt. Thomas Austen to Nicholas. This morning the boatswain of the Convertive is dead. Begs Nicholas to stand the friend of a kinsman of the writer. [*Half a page.*] *Underwritten,*

12. I. *Phineas Pett to Nicholas. Has formerly written to him on behalf of James Cooke for a boatswain's place. If he be preferred on the present occasion recommends the bearer for Cooke's place.* [*Half a page.*]

Sept. 7. Plymouth. 13. Capt. Henry Stradling to the same. Returned the 6th inst. into the Downs from Flushing, where he was commanded to land Mr. Boswell. Commanded by his Admiral [Pennington] to repair to the Lizard or Land's End to clear the coast from pirates. Left orders in the Downs for Capt. Digby to follow him on his return from Jersey and Guernsey. Arrived at Plymouth this evening, and next morning intends to haul his ship on shore to wash her, and then immediately to put to sea. Once in three weeks will endea-

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vour to return to Plymouth for any fresh orders. At his being in the Downs took six firkins of butter (a prohibited commodity) from a bark of Dover, that would have brought it on board a French bark. Having his cooper sick he sent one of his master's mates to press another out of the Alice of London, homeward bound, Richard Russell, master. The master at first refused to give the man up, and vilified the writer with such vile language as he never received from any man. No ships more stubborn and unwilling to give his Majesty's ships respect than our own merchants. They hate all gentlemen, especially such as serve his Majesty at sea, particularly since they are commanded to assist the customers. [*One page and three quarters. Damaged.*]

Sept. 7. Fulham House. 14. Bishop Laud, of London, to Sir John Lambe. Thanks for his MSS. Has received the whole number of one and twenty, and the catalogue. As for "Aurora," Sir John shall perform his promise of binding it, if he pleases. It is but a melancholy conceit, or dream rather, of Sir John's returning to the University there to live a retired life, as he began. The Bishop knows what hares do when they are overhunted, though Sir John has not told him, but he will hope it will not be so with him. If it should be, the Bishop has given him the best comfort he could. One comfort he has more for him. He will lose his wager to the Bishop, so prays him to provide for it against the term. As for the greater business concerning Mr. Secretary, hopes he will give the Bishop such an answer as shall best content himself, against which he shall never press him. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Sept. 10/20. St. Sebastian. 15. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Acknowledges articles received. The rapier was somewhat too dear and the beaver also. Tell the haberdasher of it that he mend it in another, which send in the first ship, somewhat higher in the crown and narrow at the top. Has sent a barrel containing seven gammons of bacon; also a chain of pearl which cost 18*l.*, and he hopes will yield 25*l.* The dog sent was a brave cur. If the times change not, it will be better to be a turnspit than a factor. Wishes to have sent to him among other things a small barrel of oatmeal "for here they know "not what it meaneth," with three reams of good Venice paper. [*Two pages and a half.*]

Sept. 10. 16. Return of the Deputy Lieutenants of Essex of such persons, 28 in number, as were defaulters at the musters held this day. [*One page.*]

Sept. 11. Finsbury Fields. 17. Andrew Humfrey to Sec. Coke. Has sent the two patterns of the darkening of the sun, and the moon turned into blood, also a small token, of which he has made good proof upon divers in the city. Hears a buzzing in his ears of altars that shall be set up in the Churches of England. Refers him to Matthew ix., 13. What shall altars do in our Churches? If it be not looked to in time, it will bring a leprosy. In the rising stifle it, lest it grow

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against the King's will. States various visions he had had, one of an abundance of licences

> Granted to carry away our grain,
> But it will never return from Spain ;
> The mealman, the merchant, and the clown
> Strive to pull our State down,
> And then they may run clean out of town,
> And buy them a velvet gown.

Although their noble Queen is angry with him, he has watched day and night these seven years to keep her highness out of hell. [*One page.*]

Sept. 11. Deptford. 18. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Has long hoped for his coming to Deptford to see the new ship. Both ships are in good forwardness by the emulation of the shipwrights. Both will prove every way as good as any of their burthens in the Navy. Recommends his kinsman, John Edisbury, clerk to Sir Henry Palmer, for purser of the St. George, in the room of Philip Barnes, who is dying or dead. Will undertake for his thankfulness of 20 pieces. [*One page.*]

Sept. 11. Nelmes Lodge 19. Sir Robert Naunton to Sir Francis Nethersole. Cannot chide him enough for begging venison and giving him no account where it should find him. Had he known his abode, might have fitted him with a warrant for a buck. The writer's store is made small by reason of loss of half his stock this last winter. Being now returned from the Bath he has killed one to pay his tithe, out of which he has reserved a piece for Lady Nethersole. Though it be little, hopes it will be good. Wishes to be resolved by him of the good news. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[Sept. 12.] 20. Justices of Peace for co. Somerset to the Council. Send presentments within the hundred of Milverton and the four Wester tithings of Kingsbury, of persons thought fit to sell tobacco by retail. [*Half a page.*] *Inclosed,*

20. I. *Presentment for Wiveliscombe. The persons presented are a mercer and a hosier.* [*Half a page.*]

20. II. *The like presentments for Lydiard Episcopi and Wellington.* 1632, *Sept.* 12. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

20. III. *The like for the hundred of Milverton.* [*Half a page.*]

Sept. 12. Deptford. 21. Sir Kenelm Digby to Sec. Coke. Thanks for his letter of the 11th, and shall shortly wait upon him now he is returned to abide near London. Shall be able in his next to give him account how the case stands with the Irish victualling. Guesses that the money from Ireland is ill paid, and the man who undertakes the service not much beforehand. Concerning Mr. Goddard, the man he means is Capt. Pett, who applies his authority as a principal officer of the Navy to forward his own work to the prejudice Goddard. It would be for the King's service that Capt. Pett should build no more ships, or only at such time when no other shipwright is building. In spite

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of some humours Goddard is a very able man, and it is thought that his ship will prove a singular good one. Mr. Pett is forward in Alice Holt, and the timber proves excellent. If Mr. Boate wishes to make his ship at Deptford rather than at Woolwich, it will not be equal to remove Pett from his residence to give a small conveniency to Boate. Sir Thomas Aylesbury is to go to-morrow to Roehampton, and the Lord Treasurer will then dispatch that business. The business of the Navy languishes for want of a Surveyor. Strongly recommends Edisbury for that place. He will be a main pillar of the Navy; he studies the King's advantage, has no other business or recreation, is honest and upright, of an easy nature, and does not love contestations. Sir Kenelm does nothing at Deptford but please himself with looking over a few books. He cannot call it studying. It is but a specious pretence for idleness. [*Four pages.*]

Sept. 14. Portsmouth. 22. Francis Brooke to Sec. Coke. Solicits purser's place in the St. George, vacant by death of Philip Barnes, for the writer's brother-in-law, Philip Mahuis. [*One page.*]

Sept. 14. 23. Michael Burton to Sec. Windebank. Sends him particular of a house to be let at the end of the Old Bailey, near Ludgate, where old Mr. Antrobus dwelt; or offers him the writer's house, which abuts upon the Stationers' garden, to which the Sec. may have a key. [*One page.*]

Sept. 14. Dublin. 24. Thomas Morgan to Nicholas. Reports the non-payment of money for victualling by the Lords Justices of Ireland. Has victualled the ships out of his own purse up to the 8th November. The Lords are now behind 635*l.* The captains will complain of Sir Sampson Darrell and his substitutes, not knowing where the fault is. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Sept. 15. The Convertive, in Margate Road. 25. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Earl of Leicester, Ambassador to the King of Denmark, has now come aboard with his train and baggage, and he is that instant setting sail for the Elbe. [*Half a page.*]

Sept. 15. The Second Lion's Whelp, in the Downs. 26. Capt. Simon Digby to the same. On the 19th July came to Portsmouth. Was detained there by adverse wind until the 24th August, when he took aboard Sir Peter Osborne, Sir Philip Carteret, and Sir Francis Rainsford, and landed them on the 25th and 26th at their several places. Detained by foul weather and repair of leaks until the 12th inst., when he set sail with Sir Peter Osborne and Capt. Paperill as passengers, and on the 14th came fair by the Isle of Wight. The King of France fortifies Newhaven [Havre de Grace] strongly. In the Downs there are seven sail of Holland men-of-war, and eight sail of English. [*One page.*]

Sept. 15. The Second Lion's Whelp, in the Downs. 27. The same to Nicholas. Repeats the information in the preceding letter. Begs him to hasten a supply of victuals, for he is nearly "driven." [*One page.*]

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Sept. 15. 28. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Hearing that Philip Barnes, purser of the St. George, is dead, their suit is that the place be conferred upon John Edisbury, he who has served for divers years as a clerk in the Navy. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Sept. 15. 29. List of ships in present employment, being those guarding the Narrow Seas and the Irish Coast, prepared by Nicholas "for "Mr. Sec. Windebank." Indorsed by Sec. Windebank is a memorandum subsequently struck out, "to move the Lords of the "Admiralty for some course of redress concerning the barbarous "disorder of pillaging ships wrecked and cast away upon the sea "coasts." [*One page.*]

Sept. 15. 30. Affidavit of John Hunns, of Tyd St. Giles, co. Cambridge, labourer. On the 26th July last James Balder, accompanied by George Tilson the elder, and various others, came in a riotous manner into Sutton Salt Marsh, lately inned from the sea by Sir Cornelius Vermuyden. They demanded of deponent whose man he was. He answered he was employed by Sir Cornelius. They replied in a scornful manner that Sir Cornelius had nothing to do there, neither should any horses which belonged to the workmen stay there. They then destroyed a gate and a bridge, and assaulted deponent and tore all his clothes from his back. [*Two pages.*]

Sept. 15. 31. Affidavit of William Leake, of Newark-upon-Trent, co. Notts, and John Hunns, mentioned in the preceding article. They depose to another riotous assembly of Capt. Skipwith, James Balder, George Tilson the elder, and others in Sutton Salt Marsh, on the 12th inst. They threatened to pull down a house of one of Sir Cornelius Vermuyden's labourers, took the horses of the labourers, cut their halters, and violently pulled some of the labourers from their horses to the peril of their lives. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

Sept. 16. Whitehall. Order of the Commissioners for Pious Uses. Upon directions received from the King, [Ewin] Birch, messenger of the Chamber, was ordered to repair to the owners of houses adjoining St. Paul's, from the Great South Gate to the east end of the Church, which owners had received compositions for the same houses, and been ordered to pull the same down, and first of all to Mr. Sheriff Pratt, and to require them either to remove the same houses without further delay, or to stand committed. [*One page and a half. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 25.]

Sept. 17. Carnarvon. 32. John Griffith, Vice-Admiral of North Wales, to Nicholas. Capt. Plumleigh is of great industry, care, vigilancy, and diligence, and gives great contentment to the people of those parts. He omits no possible part of his duty, loses no time, is constant to his ship, governs well, and his mind is always upon his business. He is much honoured among them, and they wish him not to want that testimony to the Lords. Will bring up with him in November a large schedule of those who challenge jurisdiction of Admiralty.

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Little remains for the Lord Admiral within his limits. [*One page and a half.*]

Sept. 17/27. St. Sebastian. 33. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Enumerates articles sent on the last occasion. Wishes a dozen pounds of crewel in colours; the colours used there are black, russet, yellow, green, red, or crimson, with some blue. Also a couple of pounds of good tobacco cut in glasses, with some good pipes. It is a vice which he cannot leave. Cannot pass a night without it. Remembrances to his uncle and aunt Lewis, his brother Richard and sister Judith, and his uncle Watson and wife. [*One page and a half.*]

Sept. 17. 34. Examination of witnesses by the Mayor and others of Dover respecting the payment of a customary fee for the grounding of ships within the Admiralty of the Cinque Ports. Any ship running on ground out of harbour or pier, forfeits a droit to the Lord Warden of her best anchor and cable. [*Three pages and a half.*]

Sept. 17. 35. Extracts from letters from the Dutch congregation at Yarmouth to the "Ministers and Ancients of the said nation" in London, dated the 3rd and 17th September inst., complaining of the practice of the Dunkirkers in taking Dutch vessels, selling them to the inhabitants of Yarmouth, and landing the men at that place. Persons so landed come to the writers for succour and sustenance, by which they are put to an intolerable charge. [*One page and a half. Indorsed in the handwriting of Sir Francis Nethersole.*]

Sept. 19. Westminster. 36. The King to Lord Chief Justice Richardson. The King has appointed two several Justice-seats to be held for the Forest of Windsor by the Earl of Holland, Chief Justice and Justice of Eyre of Forests on this side Trent, the one on Monday next at the Castle of Windsor, the other on Thursday following at Bagshot, and to be continued till the King's affairs for that forest shall be settled according to the forest laws. The Chief Justice is to be there present and assistant to the Chief Justice and Justice in Eyre, the better to advise him in such points of law as may fall out; that so the abuses happening for want of due observance of the Forest Laws may be reformed. [*Copy. One page and a half.*]

Sept. 19. Deptford. 37. Sir Kenelm Digby to Sec. Coke. Came yesterday to London to meet him, but was told he had been sent for to the King. The Earl of Dorset wished him to represent that Sir Beverley Newcome understanding the King will maintain a constant guard on the Irish coast, is desirous to serve there in some ship or Whelp under them that have the chief command. He has by patent the reversion of Sir Thomas Button's place, but will be content with the meanest command, so he may be but in action. He is an inward friend of the Earl of Dorset, they being brought up together from childhood, and the Earl will take it for a great kindness if the Sec. will befriend this request. Sends this by Sir Henry Mainwaring. The Lord Treasurer has agreed with Sir Thomas Aylesbury, and Mr. Edisbury shall be made Surveyor out of hand. [*Two pages.*]

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Sept. 20. 38. Justices of Peace for co. Stafford to Thomas Broughton, the Sheriff. Report measures taken by them for relief of the poor within the hundred of Pirehill. [*One page.*]

Sept. 20. 39. Bailiff and another of Bishops Castle, co. Salop, to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. Similar report for their borough. [*One page.*]

Sept. 21. London. 40. Capt. Alexander Stewart to Sec. Windebank. Urges that he has completely answered all the objections made by Sec. [Coke] and the Officers of the Navy to a proposed permission for him to import cordage out of Russia. Prays him to procure the King to sign his letters. If he does not go immediately he must abandon the business on account of the freezing of the Baltic. In earnest of his thankfulness presents him with fifty pieces by his friend George Swetnam. If the business take effect, his thanks shall be expressed in more ample manner. [*One page.*]

Sept. 21. 41. Note by Richard King of books and stationery bought by him for the Fishing business. Total, 5*l.* 9*s.* 10*d.*, with underwritten receipt. [*One page.*]

Sept. 21. Lutterworth. 42. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Return of presentment of rogues and vagabonds for the hundred of Goodlaxton. [*One page.*]

Sept. 22. London. 43. Sir Henry Mainwaring to Sec. Coke. Thanks for passing a grant for denizens. Has been most unfortunate in not seeing him. Recounts various endeavours to do so. Forwards a letter which was given him by Sir Kenelm Digby, probably that of the 19th instant. [*One page.*]

Sept. 23. Rhenen. 44. Cor[bet] Bushell to Sir Francis Nethersole. Cannot send him some accounts referred to on account of the absence of Mr. Dinley. The Queen has received much content in hunting at Rhenen, and much more by a brave horse Lord Carnarvon presented to the King of Bohemia last year, and now fitted to the Queen's especial contentment, as that none of her former servants, though excellent in their kind, may now be counted the favourite, but this Carnarvon. Hopes he will play the good favourite in continuing good to the end. All continues prosperous under the Prince of Orange's good conduct. [*One page.*]

Sept. 23. Ireland. 45. Capt. John Powell to Nicholas. Begs to be remembered to Lord Wimbledon. His desire is to have a small matter in Ireland rather than a double matter in England, for Ireland is a cheap place to live in. There is much speaking of the plantation of Connaught. Prays him to think of the writer in that. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Sept. 23. 46. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. Report their fulfilment of the directions of the Council in reference to the punishment of vagabonds and relief of the poor in an unnamed district of that county. [*One page.*]

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Sept. 25. Melford. 47. Thomas Viscount Savage to Nicholas. Welcomes him on his return out of the country. Wishes to know if there be any intention of the meeting of the Commissioners for the Fishing, and when. [*One page.*]

Sept. 25. Sleaford. 48. Order of the Commissioners of Sewers for co. Lincoln. The fens which may receive benefit from drainage from the north side of the river Glen to a place in the Eight Hundred Fen called Coppinesike, are to be viewed by Sir Robert Carr and others of the Commissioners, in order that at a Session of Sewers to be held on the 9th October, the Commissioners may tax the same so as to make a bargain with such as will undertake the draining thereof. [*One page.*]

Sept. 25. Sleaford. 49. Similar order in reference to the fens from Saxelby town on both sides the Foss dyke and Witham river to Langrick goat. [*One page.*]

Sept. 26. Scadbury. 50. Sir Thomas Walsingham, Vice-Admiral of Kent, to Nicholas. Sends certain complaints that are made of fishermen, which his officers assure him they will prove on oath. If some course be not speedily taken the authority of the Admiral will grow contemptible. Begs him to procure a warrant that a sergeant may be sent for them. [*One page.*]

Sept. 26. Siston. 51. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to Gregory Brokesby, the Sheriff. Certificate of their proceedings for relief of the poor in the hundred of East Goscote. [*One page.*]

Sept. 26. 52. Justices of Peace for Worcester to Sir James Pitt, the Sheriff. Similar certificate of their proceedings within the limits of Worcester. [*One page.*]

Sept. 26. Bishops Castle. 53. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the hundreds of Clunn and Purslow. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Sept. 28. Crowle. 54. Justices of Peace for co. Lincoln to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the wapentake of Manley. The country has been very much troubled with the plague. [*One page.*]

Sept. 28. 55. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. Send him all the presentments made to them at their last three meetings for the hundred of Oswestry, and state the measures which they have taken for relief of the poor. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

55. I.—XLV. *Presentments by the Constables for parishes and places in the hundred of Oswestry, made to the Justices of Peace at their meeting on the 15th Aug.* 1632.

Sept. 29. Hanworth. 56. Francis Lord Cottington to Sir Henry Vane. Congratulates him on the nearness of his return to England. In no part of it can

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he be more welcome than at Hanworth. He has given great satisfaction to his Majesty, and to those of his ministers by whom he manages his foreign affairs. He has saved his Majesty's money and his honour, and himself from any kind of blame. The King of Spain's affairs go desperately ill in Flanders (for which God is thanked in our pulpits), and the Hollanders begin to feel their greatness, as appears by certain loud and unusual language which they daily hear from them. The Court mourns for the death of Don Carlos, the King of Spain's brother, but rejoices at the "atonement" made in France between the King and his brother. Henry Jermyn is going thither to congratulate the safety of the Queen after a fall with her coach. Wat Steward went yesterday with a dispatch to Lord Ambassador Weston at Turin. As for the death of Lady Isabella Smith and the marriage of Lord Bristol's son with Lord Bedford's daughter, he has it already. [*One page.*]

Sept. 29. 57. Petition of Arrian Seaman and others, as well Dutch as English, of his company, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Being hired by divers of his Majesty's natural-born subjects, and employed to serve in a buss named the Experience, of Yarmouth, for a fishing voyage, having a certificate of ownership under the town seal of Yarmouth, and carrying an English flag, nevertheless Capt. John Simonson Dolphin, of the Flying Horse, of Groningen, about the 22nd August last, made several shots at them, possessed themselves of the said buss, tortured some of petitioners, punished others, and carried the buss and their goods to Amsterdam. Pray for satisfaction. [*One page. Indorsed by Nicholas as received this day.*]

Sept. 30. Proclamation that, with a view that his own subjects may enjoy the good blessing of plenty which God has vouchsafed to this realm, the King, for the space of one year next ensuing, and thenceforth until he shall declare his pleasure to the contrary, prohibits the transportation of corn, wool, wool-fells, fullers' earth, and leather. [*Three pages. Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 158.]

Sept. 30. Foy. [Fowey.] 58. Sir James Bagg and others to the Lords of the Admiralty. Complain that John Randall, marshal of the Admiralty of Cornwall, takes upon him to release prisoners committed to him at his pleasure. He was also lately arraigned for taking money from a traveller on the way out of his portmanteau. Recommend Thomas Peleyne to supply that service. [*One page. Received by Nicholas,* 27 *November* 1632.]

Sept. 30. Fisherwick. 59. Justice of Peace for co. Stafford to Thomas Broughton, the Sheriff. Certifies three cases of offences punished by him with fines, the amounts whereof were employed towards relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

Sept. 30. 60. Memorandum of two bills signed for the Postmaster of Chester's account for 47 packets forwarded to and from Ireland from 1 April 1631 to this day. [*Half a page.*]

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Sept. 30. Hampton Court. Commissioners for Pious Uses to the Chamberlain of London. Commissioners are to be sent into several counties of this kingdom for collecting moneys for repair of St. Paul's. Persons employed in that service should have allowance for their pains and charges. The Chamberlain is to pay to the bearer on that account 40*l.* [*Half a page. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 25 *a.*]

Sept. 61. Memorial of William Trumbull to the Council. Their Lordships having mediated with his Majesty for conferring the place of Muster-master General upon Mr. Trumbull, he solicits their opinion as to the duties of the meditated office, and suggests various points for arrangement in connexion therewith. [*Two pages.*]

[Sept. ?] 62. Return of the numbers of the trained bands for co. Northampton, with lists of those who made default and those who refused to pay to the musters; certified by the Earl of Exeter. Totals: East division, corslets and muskets, 362; lances and light horses, 58: West division, 341 and 66. [*One page.*]

[Sept. ?] 63. Account of John Wytton, Deputy Post-master of the Court, for extraordinary posts for conveying packets during his Majesty's progress this summer. Total, 50*l.* 8*s.* [*One page and a half.*]

Sept. 64. Statement in explanation of the case of Thomas Oarson and having reference to a petition, perhaps for a grant of his lands. He had been found guilty of the murder of a child begotten by him upon Elizabeth Saule, his wife's daughter, late of Grabe in the parish of Dowsby, co. Lincoln. His goods and chattels had been seized under an inquisition out of the Court of Exchequer. [*One page.*]

[Sept. ?] 65. Minute that Sir George Ellis, one of the four of his Majesty's Council at York, is dead, and that the Lord President is pleased that John Lowther, of Lowther, be put in his place, and the Commission be renewed accordingly. [*One page.*]

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Oct. 1. 1. Justices of Peace for co. Salop to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. Certify that at their monthly meetings at Acton Burnel for the hundred of Condover, they have had the high constables, petty constables, churchwardens, and overseers of the poor before them, and that there has not been any complaint of neglect of any of them. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Oct. 2. Salop. 2. Other Justices of Peace for co. Salop to the same. Certify their proceedings for the hundred of Bradford South. [*One page.*]

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Oct. 2. 3. Justices of Peace for co. Northampton to the Sheriff. Similar certificate for the East division of that county. [*Half a page.*]

Oct. 3. Westminster. 4. Warrant under the Privy Seal for payment of 4,000*l.* as his Majesty's free gift to Thomas Cary, one of the grooms of his Majesty's bedchamber; the same to be paid within four years. [*Eight lines. Seal removed.*]

Oct. 3. 5. Estimate of the Lords of the Admiralty (Sir Henry Vane, one of them, signing) and the Officers of the Navy, for launching, rigging, and transporting to their moorings at Chatham, the two ships now building at Woolwich and Deptford. Total, 3,494*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* [*Two pages.*]

Oct. 3. Copy of the same. [*Vol.* cix., *p.* 98. *In the margin of this copy Nicholas has written, "These ships were named by his Majesty, the "one the Charles, which was she that was built at Woolwich by "Peter Pett, and the other the Henrietta Maria, which was built "by Mr. Goddard at Deptford." Two pages.*]

Oct 4. Broughton. 6. Morgan Owin to John Nicholas, at Winterbourne. The person addressed having suddenly removed Edward Nicholas's son John from the writer's care, on the ground that his scholars, and especially William Holmes's son and the sons of Sir Philip Carteret, were permitted to haunt alehouses, he defends himself against this charge, and courts inquiry into some "reports" which were alluded to. [*One page and a half.*]

Oct. 5. Mincing Lane. 7. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Matthew Rider, boatswain of the Warspite, having died, Thomas Carrall, boatswain of the Third Lion's Whelp, is recommended to succeed him; Thomas Severn, of the Maria, to be promoted to the Third Lion's Whelp; and Matthew Rider, son of Matthew Rider deceased, to be appointed to the Maria.

Oct. $\frac{5}{15}$. St. Sebastian. 8. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Thinks it long before he hears of his chain of pearl. Wishes to have sent to him two globes (not maps) in frames of about 40 or 50 shillings; two black embroidered girdles, a good black pair of silk stockings, some four pieces of good mohair, and for the writer's hostess, a woven Norwich petticoat of some civil colour. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Oct. 5. 9. Account of monies paid into the receipt of the Exchequer in last July, August, September, and up to this day, by Philip Burlamachi. Total, 46,874*l.* 8*s.* 2½*d.* Examined by Sir Edward Wardour. [*Half a page. Copy.*]

Oct. 6. The Second Lion's Whelp, in Queenborough Road. 10. Capt. Simon Digby to Nicholas. Reports that, having put into Queenborough for repairs, he found there a patache, of Dunkirk, Captain Jacob Carinson, some of whose crew confess that there is a patache at Gravesend full of Spaniards, with English pilots, who have pillaged a Scot near Harwich lately, and that this Carinson was with him at Harwich selling his pillage there. Gave Mr. Aston charge of this captain and his patache, with the other at Gravesend,

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and begs Nicholas to let the Council or the Lords understand. [*One page.*]

Oct. 6. 11. Authority given by the Churchwardens and other parishioners of Eltham, co. Kent, to Arthur Clarke and William Elliott, to prosecute the matter in difference with John Warren concerning certain timber felled from the parish land. [*Copy. One page. John Philipot, Somerset herald, signed the above paper as willing to assist his good friends of the parish of Eltham.*]

Oct. 7. The Henrietta, riding near Gravesend. 12. Capt. Thomas Austen to Nicholas. Riding with Capt. Digby at Queenborough, there came in a Dunkirk sloop with 35 men, having a commission which appeared to be very good, but in consequence of rumours and suspicious circumstances, both that ship and also one at Gravesend have been detained, and the examinations of their captains are inclosed. Sends also names of trawlers taken since his last return. They are now grown so cunning that when they see them come they heave their nets overboard, and after that get them again with a grapnel. [*One page.*] *Incloses,*

12. I. *Examination of Jacob Carinson, captain of the St. Peter, of Dunkirk. Came out of Dunkirk the 27 September last; has been into Harwich; a month ago was at Burlington Bay.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

12. II. *Examination of Manuel de Santus, captain of the St. Elizabeth, of Dunkirk. Came from Dunkirk 24 September last to take Flemish busses; put into Harwich; was forced to come up to Gravesend, and himself to London to the Spanish Ambassador, to procure money from a merchant.* [*Half a page.*]

Oct. 7. Broseley. 13. Stephen Smalman, one of the Justices of Peace for co. Salop, to Thomas Ireland, the Sheriff. Certify the proceedings of himself and the late Sir Richard Foxe for relief of the poor within the hundred of Mounslow. [*One page.*]

Oct. 8. The Second Lion's Whelp, in the Downs. 14. Capt. Simon Digby to the Lords of the Admiralty. Having his victuals aboard, and finding here a warrant of the 27th August to ply to the westward, but no more of his Majesty's ships being in that part of the Narrow Seas, he thought fit to understand their Lordships' pleasure before he proceeded further. [*One page.*]

Oct. 8. 15. Officers of the Navy to the same. Recommend Captain Richard Fogg for captain in one of his Majesty's ships now bound to the seas. [*One page.*]

Oct. 8. In his bed. 16. John Nicholas to his son Edward Nicholas. Reports his illness; great pains in his feet and knees. Would have gone with Jack that day if he had been well. Sends him Mr. Owin's letter (*see No.* 6); the poor man is much troubled. [*One page.*]

Oct. 8. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 17. Mayor and Aldermen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. Certificate of their proceedings as Commissioners for the Conservancy of the Tyne from Easter to Michaelmas 1632. Since their last certificate sundry persons have been presented for irregularly casting

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their ballast overboard. They have imposed several fines on them, and have thereout caused the damage done to be amended. [*One page.*]

Oct. 8. 18. Estimate by the Lords of the Admiralty and Officers of the Navy for setting forth to sea the Victory, the Bonaventure, the Dreadnought, and the St. Dennis, for three months on foreign service. Total, 11,761*l.* 7*s.* 11*d.* [*One page and three quarters.*]

Oct. 8. Copy of the same. [*Vol.* ccix., *p.* 97. *One page and a half. Stated to have been "Received 9 October* 1632."]

Oct. 8. 19. List of trawls taken this day by Capt. Thomas Austen. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Oct. 9. 20. Sec. Windebank to Robert Davison, Keeper of the Clink in Southwark. Warrant to discharge William Waller, committed for recusancy and on suspicion of being a priest, and to deliver to him his apparel, left in his chamber when the keeper gave him leave to go abroad at the Queen's desire. [*Half a page.*]

Oct. 10. 21. Laurence Whitaker and John Withers to the Council. Report upon the present state of Bethlehem Hospital. Its history is briefly sketched from A.D. 1247, and the gradual increase of its settled income is traced from 34*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, in 1555, to 277*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* in 1632. Besides these sums there were considerable gifts from the Lord Mayor (six penny loaves, two stone of beef, and a pot of pottage made with half a peck of oatmeal every Monday morning), from the Sheriffs (a like proportion every Wednesday and Thursday), from many charitable persons, from parishes and from the friends of the inmates. The number of distracted persons then in the house was 27. Dr. Crooke was the master of the house. He received an allowance of 12*d.* per week for each patient up to 1629, and from that time 2*s.* per week for each patient, of which allowance a very small portion was expended upon them, the doctor seldom coming there but once a quarter to receive his money. The steward received all the casual gifts and the allowances, and sold them to the patients at excessive rates; a penny loaf for a groat or sixpence, and two pennyworth of bacon for 12*d.* The meat sent in was dressed by the steward and his wife for themselves, and the drink was sold to the poor at a penny or a halfpenny per dish. Oftentimes the poor patients wanted many meals together. The report concludes with some general statements of the expenditure since 1614. [*Eight pages.*]

[Oct. 10.] 22. List of causes specially appointed for hearing this day in the Court of Star Chamber. They were; the Attorney General *versus* William Steward and others, for a riot in Feckenham Forest; Sir Thomas Pelham *versus* Walter Double and others, for riotous hunting; the Attorney General *versus* Sir Edward Peyton and others, for riotous waylaying and provocation to fight; Jane Medcalfe *versus* Christopher Seaborne, for forgery. [*One page.*]

Oct. 10. 23. Notes of Sec. Windebank taken on the hearing of the first, second, and fourth of the above causes, with minutes of the sentences in the first and second. [*One page and a half.*]

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Oct. 10. 24. Justices of Peace for Suffolk to the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the hundred of Hartesmere. [*One page.*]

Oct. 11. Senate House, Cambridge. 25. Vice-Chancellor and Senate of the University of Cambridge, to Bishop Laud. They have elected ——— Philipps to be inducted into a living, the presentation to which came to them by reason of the owner being a Roman Catholic. Lat. [*One page. Dated 5 Iduum Octob.* 1632.]

Oct. 12. 26. ——— [signature defaced] to the same. The tailor's 'prentice committed to the New Prison for his familism for affirming himself to be perfect God and perfect man, seems to be sorry, but it is not so. He does not repent of his blasphemy, but that he has so far opened himself as to let the Lord Mayor and others understand it from his mouth, saying that though Christ was often demanded whether he were the Christ, yet would he not confess it; and when his apostles understood it, he charged them not to tell it. He should be sent to work in Bridewell till his mind be changed indeed. In the New Prison he gets a little work and there he sits, now working, now conferring with his associates. It is a way to make him a most perfect scholar in his opinions. One Greene, a tailor, was sent thither for holding that God could see no sin in his children. After, he went to Cambridge, and in short time returned to London and set up his bills, "Short Hand taught by a Cam- "bridge scholar." This Greene got to preach at Blackfriars, Mr. Dam- port's [Devonport's], Bridewell, and other places, and is still about town. [*One page and three quarters. The name of the writer is scored out, but underneath is written "His name is Richard Leane." This may, however, be the name of the tailor's apprentice, for Bishop Laud has indorsed the letter "Richard Lane's blasphemies."*]

Oct. 12. Sutton Cheney. 27. Justices of Peace for co. Leicester to the Sheriff. Their continued performance of the orders for prevention of rogues and vagabonds, and adoption of measures for relief of the poor within the hundred of Sparkenhoe. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Oct. 14. 28. Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord President, and the Council of the North, to the Council. The Sheriff of the county of York came to them that day to desire their advice concerning the execution of a Writ of Injunction out of the Court of Chancery for taking possession of Lord Eure's mansion house at Malton, on which service he had spent some days without effect, the defendants resisting with force of arms. The Sheriff delivered to them certain propositions for assistance, of which they inclose a copy. They state the advice they gave the Sheriff, and request the further directions of the Council. Their advice was, to set the house about and prevent provisions being carried into it; to apprehend all persons coming out of or going into the house; to obtain cannon from Scarborough, but not to use it without further directions from the Council; by pretence of parley or otherwise to endeavour to arrest Lord Eure. [*One page and three quarters.*] *Inclose,*

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28. 1. *Certain propositions of Sir Thomas Leighton, the Sheriff of co. York, offered to the consideration of the Lord President, touching the service to be performed by the Sheriff at Malton. He requests to be provided with ordnance and persons capable to manage the required service.* [*One page and a quarter.*]

Oct. 14. 29. Sir Sampson Darrell to Nicholas. Begs him to move the Lords of the Admiralty for a letter to the Lords Justices of Ireland for 635*l.* due for victualling the Whelps, and that they should from time to time make payment for three months victuals beforehand. [*Three quarters of page. Damaged.*]

Oct. 14. The Henrietta, in the Medway. 30. Capt. Thomas Austen to the same. According to their warrant, has conveyed the two Dutch hoys laden with ordnance to Gravesend, and has sent away the two sloops and showed them their Lordships' warrant that they must not come into the Thames or Medway. Brought the hoys to Gravesend on the 12th instant. [*Half a page.*]

Oct. 15. Newmarket. 31. Sec. Coke to Sec. Windebank. Delivered his letter to his Majesty, and has as yet received no farther direction. Mr. Lesley has pressed for a renewal of his protection, which because the debt grows by reason of moneys due to him from his Majesty, Windebank is to recommend to the Lords. [*One page.*]

Oct. 15. 32. Order of Lord Treasurer Weston and Lord Cottington for payment to Thomas Jones, Master of the King's Toils and Tents, of 50*l.*, one half-year's payment to Midsummer last of his allowance for providing two rooms for the said toils and tents. [*Half a page. Underwritten is Sir Robert Pye's direction to Mr. Carew to pay the same.*] *Annexed,*

32. 1. *Receipt of Thomas Jones for the* 50*l. above mentioned being paid by Edward Carew.* 1632, *Nov.* 9. [*Half a page.*]

Oct. 17. Star Chamber. 33. Order of the Council. Upon consideration of the great abuse in the printing of gazettes, and pamphlets of news from foreign parts, and upon signification of his Majesty's express pleasure and command to the Board, for the present suppressing of the same, it was ordered that all printing of the same be suppressed and inhibited; and that as well Nathaniel Butter and Nicholas Bourne, booksellers, under whose names the said gazettes have been usually published, as all other booksellers, presume not from henceforth to print, publish, or sell any of the said pamphlets. [*One page.*]

Oct. 18. 34. Answer of Sir John Lambe to the bill of complaint of John Pregion, respecting the registership of the archdeaconry of Leicester, and certain bills given by the plaintiff as security, on his appointment to the registership. *See Vol.* ccii., *No.* 1. [*Copy. Eleven pages and a half.*]

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Oct. 18. 35. Draft of the same answer, indorsed by Sir John Lambe as "Copy of my answer to Mr. Pregion's bill, of my own drawing: "*Vacat.* Not given in." [*Nine pages and a half.*]

Oct. 18. 36. Another draft of the same answer, indorsed by Sir John Lambe, "A draft of an answer for me to Mr. Pregion's bill. "Drawn by Mr. Puleston, but mended after." [*Three pages.*]

Oct. 19. Chester. 37. William Earl of Derby to the Council. Sends inclosed letter of his deputy lieutenants, respecting the musters for the co. Chester. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Incloses,*

37. I. *Deputy Lieutenants of co. Chester to William Earl of Derby. Have viewed the gentlemen's forces and trained bands of that country, and report favourably as to their condition. As any arms become defective they will cause them to be made of the best modern fashion. All the captains and officers have taken the oaths of supremacy and allegiance. The beacons are in good repair.* [*One page.*]

Oct. 19. Office of Ordnance. 38. Lieutenant and other Officers of the Ordnance to the same. Having been required by their Lordships to take into consideration an estimate of his Majesty's stores of munition in Ireland, and to certify what proportion is fit to be supplied, they think it fit, after consideration, that the whole proportion demanded should be sent. [*One page.*]

Oct. 19. 39. Notice addressed to John Hudson, and twelve others, that "Sir Richard Wiston," Lord High Treasurer, had appointed the persons addressed to attend him "at his house called Wallingford "House, near Whitehall," on the 27th inst., to hear the business concerning the right of fishing of the places called Sowdeep and North Channel, co. Kent, Sir Walter Pye, Attorney of the Court of Wards, having preferred an information against the persons addressed on behalf of Christopher Lord Teynham. [*Three quarters of a page. Indorsed by Nicholas, "Received 26 October* 1632. "*Sir Thomas Walsingham gave me this paper this day.*"]

Oct. 20. 40. Sec. Windebank to the King. Has according to his commandment, proposed those businesses to the Lords which the King left in his charge. Finds them very affectionate and cheerful, in furthering his princely care of the public good. 1. Concerning the Sheriff of London, the Recorder has undertaken to see him suddenly settled in the place of an Alderman, and in default, Mr. Attorney has promised it shall be done, and some course taken to regulate such popular disordered elections. 2. Concerning the City's trained men [practising in the] Artillery Yard, the Lords submit to the King the nomination of a captain in place of him who is lately dead. 3. Concerning extorted fees; the business is pending in the Star Chamber. 5. The Council have appointed a conference with the Judges for accommodating the differences touching the jurisdiction

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of courts. 6 and 7. Concerning Paul's; the houses compounded for are demolished, and the walking in time of divine service much reformed. 8. Proposed magazine for corn in the City; some of the Aldermen required to give account. 9. Restoring Barnet market; Aldermen and Justices of Peace appointed to confer with the Lords on general regulations, for settling the assize of bread and sale of corn. 12. The Judges are to return their certificates from the Sheriffs upon the articles of the Book of Orders, concerning charitable uses and binding apprentices, that it may appear where the defaults are. 13. False making of white cloth; to consider orders made on the complaints of [Anthony] Wither and others. 14. Keepers of prisons ordered to attend. 15 and 16. Postponed until Sec. Coke's return. 17 and 18. The like. The surveyor and others are to take a view of new buildings. The Council recommend that those who have abused their licences may be questioned by the Attorney General, and that the King should give way that the better sort should be questioned rather than the poorer and meaner persons. The writer hopes that the King being thus solicitous of the state, his endeavours may be attended with answerable success. Thanks the King for having honoured him so far beyond others, and beyond his merit. [*Two pages and three quarters. Indorsed by the writer, "Minute of my letter to his Majesty concerning the business his "Majesty left with me in charge, to be proposed to the Lords in his "absence at Newmarket."*]

Oct. 20. 41. Mayor and others of Exeter to the Council and Commissioners for assessing the rates of wines. Complaint of the country enforces them to make known a great abuse of the vintners there, in taking more for their wines than is taken in any other place in the kingdom. Pray that when they assess the price of wines for London, the vintners of that city may be included. [*One page.*]

Oct. 22. Yerk. 42. Thomas Viscount Wentworth to the Council. In September last, John Rawson, of Hull, master of the Susannah, in his passage from Hull to Dantzic, was about midnight surprised on the coast of Norway by two small ships of Nieuport or Flanders, the master and merchant carried aboard those ships, and detained till their ships were ransacked to the amount of 250*l.* The Admiral of one of the ships called himself John Fox [*Margin*, John Vos.]; the captain of the other Peter Andrews, or Anderson [*Margin*, Peter Willart]. Recommends the complaints of these poor men for satisfaction. [*One page.*]

Oct. 22. 43. Petition of Humphrey Robinson, stationer, to Archbishop Abbot. Petitioner having some books lately sent to him out of the Low Countries in his absence, they were sent to the Bishop of London. Amongst them were found the controversy of Socinus, not above three or four copies, one of which he intended for the Archbishop, another for the Archbishop of St. Andrews, and the third he supposed the Library in Oxford would have of him, which

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books have never been prohibited. Prays that he may dispose of the books as above, or give security to return them into Holland, and never meddle more in them. *Underwritten,*

43. I. *Request of Archbishop Abbot to the Bishop of London to do therein as he shall think fit.* 1632, *Oct.* 22.

43. II. *Concurrence of the Archbishop in the books being disposed of as above mentioned.* 1632, *Nov.* 12.

43. III. *Undertaking of Humphrey Robinson and Octavian Pullen, that the books shall be disposed of according to the petition under a penalty of* 20*l.* [*Petition and other writings, one page.*]

Oct. 23. London. 44. Ralph Wedgwood to [the Company of Merchant Adventurers]. Gives them information of illicit export of fullers' earth into Holland. Two cases are specifically mentioned; one of John Hutchinson, of Plymouth, who fetched the commodity out of Kent about Gillingham, and the other of a Mr. Cox. Describes the great increase of the clothing trade in the principal towns of Holland. Suggests the appointment of proper persons at the English outports, who might stay the alleged export. [*Three pages.*]

Oct. 24. York. 45. Thomas Viscount Wentworth to James Earl of Carlisle. Thanks for his sending a footman so long and wearisome a journey. That his Majesty rests satisfied in the course the Viscount holds in that government is his chiefest exaltation before men, and his fullest contentment in his inmost retirements. Will never omit to serve him in his own way where he understands it, and when that beam leaves him, serve him the most profitable way the dimmer lights of his own judgment shall lead him. In this truth he will live and die. All the devils of hell, all other ministers on earth, shall never be able to impeach or shake it. For Sir David Foulis, the writer pities him, especially as a kinsman of Lord Carlisle, whom he cordially honours. Will exercise justice towards him with such moderation as shall show the Earl he is "as far from drinking *a la confusion* "*des personnes* as the Frenchman the last summer." It is an insolent vanity, written in capital letters, which has brought forth all this trouble. He says it was the wonder of every one that the writer did not hear him. He did hear him, and it was the wonder (catholic enough) to see him meanly humble himself where he had insolently demeaned himself. The poor man dares tell us that by taking his business into his own hands, his Majesty would make a purchase of him. A purchase with a witness, so clogged with encumbrances as to be nothing worth. He overrates his influence. Not half a score would either follow or be persuaded by him. This is an arrogance grown frequent now-a-days, which the writer cannot endure. Every ordinary man must put himself in balance with the King, as if it were a measuring cast, who were like to prove greater losers upon the parting. Silly wretches! The King's service cannot suffer by the disgrace of him and the writer, and forty more such; the ground whereupon government stands will not so easily be

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washed away. What he has merited of the Crown in former times the writer knows not, but it is visible he has served himself to a fair fortune by the means of the Crown. He has been content to bag up five or six thousand pounds of the King's money, and has kept it close this 20 years; in plain terms cheated the King of it, and now, he being bound to pay it, has occasioned all this foul weather. For his promise of amends, trust him that list, the writer will never flatter himself to hold him fast. One Taylor was fined 1,000*l.* for incest. This fine his Majesty bestowed upon this church for buying a pair of organs, adorning the altar, and such sacred uses. The inclosed shows how it is endeavoured to be carried another way. Begs the Earl to confirm the King in his pious intention. [*Three pages.*]

Oct. 24. Stainton. 46. John Prichard to Dr. Thomas Rives. Complains of Sir Thomas Canon, who withstands the Admiralty jurisdiction in South Wales. He contends that constables are not bound to do service in these courts, withstands the amercements laid upon them by Dr. Rives, and terms the Admiralty "a frivolous jurisdiction." [*One page.*]

Oct. 24. 47. One of Christopher Foster's petitions in his prayer before his sermon at Oxford, this day. He prayed the Saviour to inspire the curranto-makers with the spirit of truth, that people might know when to utter praises for the King of Sweden's victories, and when to pray for him in his distresses. They often did both these, and then found out that the supposed causes did not exist. [*Half a page.*]

Oct. 25. Westminster. 48. Minute of Letters Patent granted to Thomas Cary, his Majesty's servant, to find out certain forfeited bonds, and to recover the penalties thereof, paying one eighth part thereof into the Exchequer. [*Underwritten is a note that certain other bonds are to be added to those enumerated in the letters patent before mentioned. One page.*]

Oct. 25. Lanmasse. [Llanmacs] 49. Deputy Lieutenants of co. Glamorgan to the Council. Report their fulfilment of directions for musters. There arms are now of the modern fashion, and the persons charged with the service perform it in their own persons or by their sons, nephews, or kinsmen, and not by servants. Inclose a plot of the whole forces of the country. [*One page.*]

Oct. 25. 50. Notes of statement of Colonel Arthur Aston respecting his commission to levy 1,200 men for the King of Sweden, and what he has done under the same. John Taite and William Layton are Captains in his regiment. Sir John Caswell has a warrant from the King of Sweden, for completing Sir Thomas Conway's regiment. [*Half a page.*]

Oct. 25. 51. Minute of the petition of Mary Turnour, widow of Cyril Turnour, calendared, *Vol.* ccxv., *No.* 44, apparently with the view

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of directing Nicholas's attention to it. He has indorsed it, "Received "25 October 1632, Mrs. Turnour's petition to be read at the Council "of war."

Oct. 26. Grant of the office of Purveyor of Timber for the Office of the Ordnance to Anthony Fereby and Robert Dugdall, during their lives, with the fee of eight pence per diem, upon surrender of Francis Carter, and Christopher Playle, and in regard that the said Fereby has executed the office eleven years. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 26. Welbeck. 52. William Earl of Newcastle to the Council. Has observed their directions of 31 August last, and incloses certificates, which show the state and forces of cos. Nottingham and Derby. [*Half a page.*]

Oct. 27. Westminster. 53. Writ out of the Court of Exchequer for protection from arrest of Lawrence Squibb, servant of Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, grounded upon certain liberties stated in the Red Book of the Exchequer to belong to all the officers of that court. [*Fifteen lines, exclusive of signature.*]

Oct. 28. The Second Lion's Whelp in the Downs. 54. Capt. Simon Digby to Nicholas. On the 19th inst. Capt. Pennington was well, his ship then riding afore Gluckstadt, the king of Denmark being there. There are many ships in the Downs from the Straits and Spain, most of them laden with salt, the rest with wool and wine. The coast is clear of pirates. [*One page.*]

Oct. 29. Protection to Robert Lesley for one year. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 29. The Downs. 55. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty. Their warrants for his present return to England he received at Kinsale. On the 23rd he gave the Lords Justices of Ireland notice of their pleasure, on the 24th set sail, and on the 29th arrived in the Downs. Left the coast in peace both from Turks and pirates, and now it will be sufficiently secured by the season of the year. The Fifth Whelp, under Capt. Hooke, has been employed for guard of the passage from Chester to Dublin, and the Ninth Whelp, under Capt. Cooper, has been sent to secure the northern coast about Galloway and the Isles of Aron [Arran]. Prays licence for ten days to come to London about the affairs of his poor estate. [*One page.*]

Oct. 29. Ash. 56. William Drake to Nicholas. Is so sick that he shall not be able to wait on him this term. His brother has sent the bearer, his servant, to attend him. Begs him to procure their discharge from the Lords of the Admiralty when his accounts are brought to him from the auditor. Have not paid in all the moneys to the Duchess in regard of the charges of procuring their discharge. If he will obtain their discharge they will testify their thankfulness by a free remuneration. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Oct. 29. 57. Notes by Sec. Windebank of an information of Mr. Misselden, Deputy Governor of the Merchant Adventurers at Delft, respecting abuses prevailing in the English Churches in the Low Countries, and the means of reforming the same, with a detailed statement upon the subject, probably also written by Sec. Windebank. The preachers of the Merchant Adventurers are the chief of the persons complained of. They observe no forms of prayer, nor any solemnities, administer the sacrament without form, and plant churches and ordain ministers at pleasure. Letters to be written to the Merchant Adventurers to select conformable divines, and to Mr. Boswell, and a threat to be held out of calling in the Company's charter in default of reformation. [*Two pages and a half. Injured by cutting.*]

Oct. 29. Yarmouth. 58. The Bailiffs and others of Great Yarmouth to George Burdett, M.A. Grant of annuity of 100*l.* per annum to the same George Burdett, elected Lecturer of Yarmouth, so long as he shall continue resident amongst them, and shall duly preach the word of God as their lecturers in former times have been accustomed to do. [*Twenty-four lines. The town seal wanting.*]

Oct. 30. Warrant to the Great Wardrobe, to pay to William Jones, his Majesty's servant, 80*l.* in arrear to Christopher Moreland, deceased, late one of the grooms of the Privy Chamber, who assigned over the same unto the said Jones, for a greater sum of money by him disbursed to relieve the said Moreland in the extremity of his sickness. [*Docquet.*]

Oct. 31. Westminster. 59. The King to the President and Chapter of Lichfield. To elect Dr. John Warner to the deanery of that cathedral, vacant by the preferment of Dr. Lindsell to the bishoprick of Peterborough. [*One page and a half. Copy.*]

[Oct. 31 ?] 60. Petition of Henry Bludder to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has served his Majesty and his predecessors as Deputy Victualler to the Navy these 30 years and upwards. Sir Allen Apsley was indebted to him 224*l.* 9*s.*, and he disbursed in building the house he lives in within his Majesty's storehouse at East Smithfield 221*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* In his old age he is dismissed from his employment, and commanded to give possession of the house to Mr. Crane by Lady-day next. Is willing to do so, but prays them to direct Mr. Crane to give him satisfaction for his money disbursed, and that in the meantime petitioner may retain possession. [*One page.*]

Oct. 31. 61. Officers of the Navy to the same. Recommend Peter Ray for appointment as purser in one of the ships now building. The letter is also signed by Sir Sampson Darrell, and there is added a certificate by Kenrick Edisbury. [*One page.*]

[Oct. 31 ?] Whitehall. 62. Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery to Sir Henry Vane, at the Hague. Thanks for a letter, which he would have answered before; but having been absent from Court, it was almost a month before he received it. Expressions of strong attachment. [*One page.*]

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Oct. 31. 62. List of debts claimed from Sir Allen Apsley upon the Lords' reference to Sir John Wolstenholme and others. Nicholas has indorsed that the total of the demands amounted to 19,012*l.* [*Three pages.*]

Oct. 31. 63. Account of Sir Thomas Walsingham, Vice-Admiral of Kent, of the profits of his Vice Admiralty from 20th April last to this day. [*Half a page.*]

[Oct.] 64. Sir George Whitmore, Lord Mayor, and others of London, to the Council. According to an order of the 12th inst., they certify their opinions for the better regulation of the assize of bread. They recommend that to enable the Lord Mayor to fix the assize, reports should be made to him by the Justices of the Peace of the price of corn in the principal markets near London, and that various suggested regulations should be adopted for prevention of the purchase of corn to sell again, and of the excessive consumption by brewers in brewing strong ale and beer above the rates limited, much thereof being exported. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

[Oct.] 65. The Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen of London to the same. State reasons why the City is unable to buy and maintain a magazine of 30,000 quarters of corn; decay of trade, want of stowage, great cost of building granaries, the influence of amassing so large a store in raising the price of corn, loss of corn stored by vermin, shrinking, and screening. Ten thousand quarters would be a sufficient store if restraint were had of the newly erected buildings, and the brewers were restrained from using such great quantities of corn. The assize of bread is duly set. Great sums of money were last year raised for relief of the poor and setting them to work. Fifty vagrants were bound apprentices to merchants to serve in the Islands of Barbadoes and Virginia; 70 were taken as apprentices into Bridewell; 773 poor children were maintained by Christ's hospital, 40 had been put apprentices to trades since Easter last, and 4,000 and odd vagrants conveyed according to the statute. The writers have given attention to the cleansing of the Thames, but they are informed that the engines used by John Gilbert, and James Freese, the patentees, for that purpose, do much hurt to the river by taking up gravel from the firm ground and making great holes. [*Three pages.*]

[Oct.?] 66. Petition of John Williams to the Lords of the Admiralty. States past services in the Adventure under Sir Richard Bingley, and in the Prince Royal when she brought his Majesty from Spain, and prays for a cook's place in one of the new ships. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

66. I. *Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend the suit of the above petitioner.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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[Oct. ?] 67. Justices of Peace for Suffolk to the Sheriff. Certify the measures taken by them for relief of the poor within the liberty of St. Etheldred, which consists of the hundreds of Plomesgate, Wilford, Carleford, Colnies, and Thredling. [*One page.*]

[Oct. ?] 68. Account of rents received by Richard Pratt for Robert Ramsey. The rents alluded to became due from Lady-day 1631 to Michaelmas 1632. The places named are in Norfolk. [*Three pages.*]

[Oct. ?] 69. Abstract of examinations of witnesses respecting the capture in the Thames of the St. Jacob of Enckhuysen by the Esperanza of Dunkirk, John Powick, master. The captors of the St. Jacob took out of her certain pieces of holland cloth. The plunder was afterwards sold to the captain and crew of the Speedwell of Burlington, who came into Harwich and there disposed of the same. [*Twenty-five pages and a half.*]

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Nov. 1. Marlborough. 1. Justices of Peace co. Wilts to Sir Edward Hungerford the Sheriff. Report their proceedings under the directions given by the Council for relief of the poor within the division of Marlborough. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 2. 2. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church in Oxford. Reply to a petition, the precise purport of which does not appear. They are to acknowledge the Lord Chancellor or Lord Keeper for the time being for their visitor under his Majesty, and to have recourse to him as occasion shall be presented. His Majesty nevertheless reserving to himself all power when he shall please to take immediate knowledge of any business concerning them. [*Three quarters of a page. Draft drawn by Sec. Windebank, and corrected by Bishop Laud.*]

[Nov. 2.] 3. Certificates of Justices of Peace for co. Cornwall of all the presentments made before them on the 15th August, 15th September, and 2nd November 1632, for the hundred of Trigg. The presentments are principally for not coming to church. [*Roll.*]

Nov. 5. 4. Sir William Jones and Sir Thomas Trevor, Judges of Assize at Gloucester, to the Council. They sent to Nathaniel Stephens, and advised him to conform with the other Justices of Peace. He protested he would do what he might lawfully, that was, he would minister an oath according to 39 Eliz., cap. 20, but Mr. Wither showed him another. Neither form was produced, so that the writers could not judge between them. [*One page.*]

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Nov. 5. 5. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend the suit of Alexander Bannister for a purser's place in one of the ships now building, as well for his integrity and efficiency, as also in compensation for the long forbearance of 180*l.*, the freight of his ship, the Truelove of London, ever since the Cadiz voyage. [*Copy. Half a page.*]

Nov. 6. 6. Petition of John Hance to the same. John Richards, of Exeter, merchant, upon an untrue suggestion to the Court of Admiralty, caused 22 tons of petitioner's woad to be detained ten weeks under arrest to petitioner's damage of 50*l.* Petitioner seeking damages from Richards at the common law, he had procured petitioner to be sent for by a messenger on the ground that petitioner's suit is an affront to the Court of Admiralty. Petitioner prays for his discharge. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

6. 1. *Statement of transactions between John Hance and Roger Curson, out of which the subject matter of the above petition originated.* [*One page.*]

Nov. 6. 7. Receipt of Dr. William Juxon for 20*l.* paid by Bishop Laud on account of his buildings at St. John's College, Oxford. [*Half a page.*]

Nov. 7. 8. Justices of Peace for Berks to the Council. Certificate of their proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Ock, Hormer, Morton, Wantage, and Lambourn, being the divisions of Abingdon and Wantage. [*One page.*]

Nov. 7. 9. Certificate of Peter Heywood, Justice of Peace for Westminster, that Gilbert Pickren [Pickering], of Titchmarsh, co. Northampton, had taken the oath of allegiance before him. [*Half a page.*]

Nov. 7. Order of the Commissioners for Pious Uses. Mr. Gore, tenant of the petty canons of St. Paul, and lessee of the parsonage house of St. Gregory's parish, near the cathedral church, having submitted to the demolition of that parsonage house, which hinders the work of reparation, he is to have reasonable satisfaction for the same, and the parish is to be dealt with to find another house for the parson. [*Half a page. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 26.]

Nov. 8. Deptford. 10. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Has Captain Stradling's promise that if he be nominated captain of any of the four ships he will accept the writer's kinsman, Capt. John Jones, for his lieutenant. Capt. Pavy made a like offer. If either of them goes forth, begs Nicholas to procure warrant for Jones to be lieutenant. [*Half a page.*]

Nov. 8. Canterbury. 11. Mayor of Canterbury to Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery. On Sunday the 4th inst., there arrived at Margate four gentlemen from Dunkirk. They were allowed to pass without examination. Taking their inn at Canterbury the writer examined them and found them to be Markham Turham, one of his Majesty's

servants, Thomas Turrill, and Patrick Brogam, Irishmen, papists, but yet they took the oath of supremacy. The fourth was Philip Twaytes, a Yorkshire gentleman, who refused to take the oath of supremacy, and has therefore been detained. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 8. 12. Minutes by Sec. Coke of proceedings before the Council this day. Orders to the Justices of Peace of London, Middlesex, and Surrey to make certain returns as to alehouses; letter to the Justices of Wiltshire adjoining to Hampshire, to rebuke them for neglect of carriage of timber for the Navy; petition to send a Serjeant-at-Arms for Lord Eure for not delivering possession according to a decree in Chancery. [*Three quarters of a page. Dated by Sec. Coke "8 Octob. 1632," but indorsed by him "8 Nov. 1632." The latter date is the correct one. See Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *pp.* 263, 275.]

Nov. 9. Mincing Lane. 13. Officers of the Navy to the Council. The writers are informed by Mr. Boate, one of his Majesty's shipwrights, lately returned from the New Forest, that the County of Wilts, which is charged equally with Hants and Dorset with the land carriage of timber from the Forest to Redbridge, is very remiss. Think fit to advertise their Lordships thereof. [*One page.*]

Nov. 9. Mincing Lane. 14. The same to the Lords of the Admiralty. Heretofore when his Majesty put to sea a fleet of ships, it was usual to appoint a Muster-master; recommend William Thomas, purser of the Antelope, as a fit person for that appointment. [*One page.*]

[Nov. 9.] 15. Motives to show the necessity of a Muster-master's place for his Majesty's Navy employed at home and abroad. [*One page.*]

Nov. 9. 16. Petition of William Cane, Master Gunner of the Fourth Lion's Whelp, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth services under Queen Elizabeth in Ireland, under King James in Algiers, and in all the present King's expeditions. Prays for master gunner's place in the St. Andrew, void by the death of —— Seale. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

16. I. *Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Confirm the statements of the preceding petition, and recommend the petitioner for promotion.* [*One page.*]

Nov. 9/19. St. Sebastian. 17. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Eaton's good friend Mr. William Bowyer has been taken away by sudden death. He is going to Bilbao to perform a friend's part both to the dead and the living. [*One page.*]

Nov. 9. Office of Ordnance. 18. Account by the Officers of the Ordnance of spare brass ordnance applicable towards furnishing the two new ships. Total, 42 pieces. [*One page.*]

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Nov. 14. 19. Officers of the Ordnance to the Lords of the Admiralty. Certify the numbers and natures of the brass ordnance fitting for the two ships now ready to be launched. They are 44 pieces for each ship. Twenty-one pieces of the spare ordnance mentioned in the preceding certificate are fit for these ships, and the remaining 63 may be supplied for the present out of the ships most unlikely to be employed for any service at sea. [*Signed also by the Officers of the Navy. One page.*]

Nov. 14. Star Chamber. 20. Notes of Sec. Coke of proceedings at the Council. Lord Eure's petition read; ordered to give his answer on Friday. Sir Henry Herbert to give account on the same day why he warranted the book of Dr. Dun's [Donne's] Paradoxes to be printed. "By the "King's command delivered by the Bishop of London." [*Quarter of a page.*]

Nov. 15. 21. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Warrant being given to bring the ships into the Hope that they may furnish themselves with men, it would advance the service if the captains had their commissions. The proportion of powder allowed upon the ships is scarcely enough to maintain a six hours' fight. Ships of his Majesty should not be thrust into the sea and put to hazard for want of ammunition. The Officers of the Ordnance should also have order to furnish them with snaphances, targets, pistols, and gauntlets, as formerly has been used in such employments. [*One page.*]

Nov. 15. London. 22. Sir Tobie Matthew to [Sir Henry Vane?]. Proud that the most excellent Queen [of Bohemia?] takes his homage in good part. He will have heard how kind they have been at Court to the Lord Treasurer. His enemies, by their witless envy and rage, erected certain steps whereby he has risen so high as to see the clouds far below himself. So good is it for a man to be honest and wise, and so happy to have a just and kind master. Vane's friend [the Lord Treasurer] lives now in a better and clearer air of greatness than Vane ever saw him in. He is extremely satisfied with Vane's despatches. Cannot blame him for making himself so much the servant of Lady Carlisle, who often commemorates him, and extremely to his advantage. She is the highest creature that Sir Tobie has known in all kinds of excellency. She makes all those woful creatures who stand near her in any other posture than that of doing her reverence. She gave the writer the news of Vane's longer absence, which the Lord Treasurer gave her. His longer absence will either obtain what he desires for the King's service, or discover the true impediments thereof. Lady Roxburgh has arrived under pretence of a compliment, but he believes with an eye to the discount of what the King owes her, which they say is a lusty sum. The Court is now quiet. The King and Queen are equally gracious to the Lord Treasurer. Is sure the one will continue, and prays that the other may. The King makes much of Lord Hamilton, and indeed of all that nation. The Lord Treasurer follows his master in all his affections. Vane is extremely beholden to the Earl of Carlisle. [*Two pages.*]

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Nov. 15. Tweedmouth. 23. Information of William Cooke, of Tweedmouth. Edward Moore, of Berwick, hearing that George Lambe, a servant of his, had been apprehended by informant, being bailiff of Tweedmouth for the Earl of Suffolk, on a warrant for the peace, came to informant's house and asked in furious fashion for his man. An altercation ensued, in the course of which Moore treated the warrant, under which his man had been apprehended, with contempt, and declared that he would neither obey Justices' warrant nor King's warrant. He afterwards, in company with various other persons, armed with swords and other weapons, endeavoured to break in at the windows, throwing in great stones in riotous manner, but being resisted was unsuccessful. [*One page and a quarter.*] *Underwritten,*

23. I. *Deposition of Richard Selby. Coming at the latter end of the above affray, he heard some of the company say, "Ye "might have fired the house."* [*Quarter of a page.*]

Nov. 15. 24. Copy of the preceding information and deposition. [*One page.*]

[Nov. 15.] Tweedmouth. 25. Information of Margaret Cooke, wife of William Cooke above mentioned. She confirms her husband's account of the uproar raised by Edward Moore. He and some of his company said "Let us pull down the house;" and the King's peace being called for divers times "for God's sake," Moore said there should be no peace, and he would have out his man. [*One page.*]

[Nov. 15.] 26. Copy of the preceding article. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 15. Tweedmouth. 27. Information of Ferdinando Crawforth. Deposes that Moore would have violently assaulted William Cooke, the bailiff, but that the informant and others pulled him off. He and his party broke down the window of the house, but informant and others resisted them. [*One page.*]

Nov. 15. Tweedmouth. 28. Information of John Neleson. Confirms the previous accounts. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 15. Tweedmouth. 29. Similar information of Robert Gowdie. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Nov. 15. Tweedmouth. 30. Similar information of Stephen Quarry. [*One page.*]

Nov. 15. Tweedmouth. Similar information of Edward Sinclair. [*Three quarters of a page. Written on the same sheet as the preceding.*]

Nov. 15. 31. Copy of the preceding. [*Half a page.*]

Nov. 15. Berwick-upon-Tweed. 32. Further examination of Stephen Quarry. Deposes to other particulars than those mentioned in his information, *No.* 30. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Nov. 15. Berwick-upon-Tweed. 33. Examination of Michael Yeatman. Confirms the testimony of the other witnesses. [*Two pages.*]

Nov. 15. Berwick-upon-Tweed. Another examination of Edward Sinclair of a similar tenor to *No.* 30. [*One page. On the same sheet as the preceding.*]

Nov. 16. 34. Petition of John Taylor, Marshal of the Admiralty, co. Devon, to the Lords of the Admiralty. On a complaint against John Hance, of Exeter, saddler, for suing petitioner, John Richards and others, at the common law, for executing a warrant out of the Admiralty, Hance was sent for by warrant. Petitioner has come up 160 miles to give evidence against him. Prays that Hance may receive some exemplary punishment. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 16. 35. Statement in the handwriting of Lord Chief Justice Heath respecting the cause of the riots at Soham, co. Cambridge. The common lands had been inclosed by a decree of the Exchequer, 2,000 acres being assigned to the Lord Chief Justice, who was lord of the manor. This quantity being set out, the Lord Chief Justice, as lord of the manor, inclosed 500 acres of it with a dyke and bank, whereupon some riotous persons assembled in the night, and cast down all that had been done. [*Indorsed by Sec. Coke with a memorandum that the case was to be represented to the Council by the Earl of Suffolk. One page and a half.*]

Nov. 16. 36. Decree of the Court of Star Chamber in a suit instituted by Hugh Trevanyan *versus* Sir Francis Vivian, Hannibal Bonithon, John Wilkinson, and Henry Teage. Defendant Vivian being captain of the Castle of St. Mawes, was declared by the Court to have practised a variety of deceptions in reference to his office, not keeping the proper number of soldiers in garrison, and putting the money received for their wages into his purse. He was sentenced to be committed to the Fleet, to pay a fine of 2,000*l.* to the King, and to be removed from his office of Captain. As against the other defendants, the suit was dismissed. [*Three pages.*]

Nov. 17. 37. Petition of Capt. William Thomas, prisoner in the Marshalsea, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Since his commitment on 30 March last, Dr. Reeve [Rives] has been ordered to take 6,000*l.* bail of petitioner, which he being altogether unable to procure, is detained in great misery, having pawned his clothes to procure food, and being now like to perish from want. Prays them to accept ordinary bail. [*One page.*]

Nov. 17. 38. Note of a prohibition granted this day by the Court of Common Pleas in a cause of George Langham and Thomas Mead against John Langham. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Nov. 17. 39. Order of the Court of Exchequer *ex parte* the King's Remembrancer. Sir John Lambe having sued Michael West, Thomas West, and others, by bill in the Exchequer, to determine the validity of an

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annuity of 10*l.* arising out of certain lands at Blisworth, sold by Michael West to Sir John Lambe, Michael West stood out in contempt, without answering, whilst Thomas West sued Sir John in the Common Pleas for the annuity. The Court ordered that if Thomas West succeeded in his action, execution should be stayed until the cause in the Exchequer was heard. [*Three pages and a quarter. Office copy.*]

Nov. 17. 40. Copy of the same. [*Two pages.*]

Nov. 19. 41. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend William Boyden as fit to be a purser in one of the ships now building. [*One page.*]

Nov. 19. Tweedmouth. 42. Information of John Wylly. Deposes that Edward Moore said during the riot at Tweedmouth, at William Cooke's house, that he would obey no warrant, with other violent words. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 19. Tweedmouth. 43. Information of Andrew Gowry. Describes the violent character of the attack on William Cooke's house, and states that when the constables called for the King's peace, Edward Moore said oftentimes they should have no peace. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 20. 44. Commission to Lord Treasurer Weston, Robert Earl of Lindsey, Edward Earl of Dorset, Francis Lord Cottington, Sir Henry Vane, Secs. Coke and Windebank, or any three of them, to execute the office of Lord High Admiral of England. [*Six pages. Copy.*]

Nov. 20. Another copy of the same Commission. [*Four pages and a half. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 1*.]

Nov. 20. 45. Theophilus Earl of Suffolk to the King. An attempt has lately been made to the prejudice of the King's service in the Cinque ports by some factious persons, who have not spared to say that they would weaken the gates of Dover Castle. In pursuance whereof they have complained to the Court of Star Chamber against some of the Earl's officers for doing their duties. Beseeches the King to stop their pretended courses by his command. Does not fear the justice of the cause, but the inconvenience that may happen upon such a precedent. [*Two pages.*]

Nov. 20. Norwich. 46. Mayor and others of Norwich to the Council. On the 11th September last Thomas Blosse, one of the Aldermen, died, whereupon the Mayor summoned a meeting of the citizens of Blosse's ward, to meet at the Guildhall on the 15th of the same month, to elect an Alderman in his place. The inhabitants, to the number of 160, assembled, and some voted for William Gostlyn and others for Thomas Carver. Among the voters for the latter divers foreigners, not qualified to vote, intruded themselves, whereby Carver had a majority of five. On complaint and examination, the writers for

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bore to admit either of them, but strove to procure them to consent to a new election. Carver would not consent thereto. Desire their Lordships' direction, with power, in any future similar case, to commit any person who shall intrude himself among the freemen of the city. [*Two pages.*]

Nov. 20. 47. Affidavit of William Mason, made in a cause of Thomas Lord Arundel, plaintiff, *versus* William Lord Eure and others, defendants. Deponent relates the circumstances of the resistance made by Lord Eure to the delivery of the possession of Malton House, co. York. Ultimately Lord Eure came away to London, leaving the house in the possession of his second son, William Eure. He kept possession of the same until the Sheriff, Sir Thomas Leighton, having procured first one piece of ordnance and ultimately a second, battered the house therewith, and made a breach in the wall, whereupon those who defended the house went away secretly, and the sheriff took possession. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Nov. 20. 48. Petition of Nicholas Pollhill, Robert Powlett, and sundry other English complainants, against the St. Peter, of Rotterdam, whereof Michael Cornelius T'Kint was late master, to the Lords of the Admiralty. On their petition preferred to the King in May last, his Majesty signified to the States General the damages the petitioner had suffered, and required satisfaction. Set forth long proceedings at the Hague and Rotterdam, which had been entirely unsuccessful, and pray the Lords to direct a course for their satisfaction. [*One page.*] *Underwritten,*

48. I. *Reference to Sir Henry Marten to certify his opinion. Whitehall,* 1632, *Nov.* 20. [*Quarter of a page.*] *Annexed,*

48. II. *Abstract of proofs taken in the Admiralty Court of England, and before the Magistrates of the Hague, demonstrating the facts committed by Capt. Michael Cornelius T'Kint, of Rotterdam, with his ship, the St. Peter, of that place, to the great prejudice of the complainants.* [*One page.*]

48. III. *Short relation of the proceedings with the States General and the Admiralty of Rotterdam concerning the proceedings of Capt. T'Kint above mentioned.* [*One page.*]

48. IV. *Arguments and reasons of Nicholas Pollhill and Robert Powlett why they refuse to proceed to definitive sentence before the Admiralty of Rotterdam.* [*One page.*]

Nov. 20. Tweedmouth. 49. Information of William Cooke the younger. States the circumstances of the riot at his father's house in Tweedmouth, and deposes to the violent language and conduct of Edward Moore and his companions. [*One page.*]

Nov. 20. 50. Copy of the same. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Nov. 20. Tweedmouth. 51. Information of Elizabeth Wood. Deposes to violent speeches of Edward Moore on his return home to Berwick. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 20. Tweedmouth. Examination of William Johnson. Gives the names of several persons who accompanied Edward Moore in his attack on Cooke's house. [*Half a page. Written on the same sheet as the preceding.*]

[Nov. 21 ?] 52. Causes specially appointed to be heard in the Star Chamber this sitting day. They are, Elwood *versus* Sir Edward Dering and others, for a contempt; Trevanyan *versus* Sir Francis Vivian and others, for misgovernment of the Castle of St. Mawes [*but this cause seems to have been heard and sentenced on the* 16*th inst., see before, No.* 36]; Lee *versus* Champion, for riots, co. Surrey; Plummer *versus* Goldwire, for perjuries and conspiracy; Nicholas Bacon *versus* Sir Henry Anderson, and Mary his wife, and others, for conspiracies to waylay the plaintiff; Lord Berkeley *versus* Poole and others, riots in co. Gloucester. [*On the fly leaf are some notes relating to the case of Elwood and Dering, and the paper is indorsed by Sec. Windebank, "*21 *November* 1632, *Elwood against "Dering and others; the defendants not censured. Cinque Ports." Two pages.*]

[Nov. 21 ?] 53. Notes by Sec. Coke of his speech in the Star Chamber on passing judgment in the above mentioned cause of Elwood against Dering. It may be inferred that Sir Edward Dering had committed the plaintiff for serving a writ out of the Star Chamber within the jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports for a cause triable within that jurisdiction. The Sec. thought Sir Edward should be acquitted of contempt and the subject in dispute be remitted for trial in the Cinque Ports. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

Nov. 21 Tweedmouth. 54. Information of Isabel Joyesy, servant of William Cooke, the bailiff, whose house was attacked by Edward Moore. Deposes to the circumstances of Moore's first coming to the house, with his violent speeches, both then and subsequently, when the house was endeavoured to be broken open. [*One page.*]

Nov. 21. Tweedmouth. Similar information of Anna Cooke, daughter of William Cooke, the bailiff. [*Half a page. Written on the same sheet of paper as the preceding.*]

Nov. 21. 55. Copy of the information of Isabel Joyesy, *No.* 54. [*Half a page.*]

Nov. 21. 56. The like of Anna Cooke, *No.* 54. [*Half a page.*]

Nov. 22. 57. Account of anticipations as they now stand charged upon payments of future revenue; total, 306,368*l.* 1*s.* [*Four pages.*]

Nov. [23.] 58. Petition of Sir Thomas Gower to the Council. Living in Yorkshire, and being served with process to answer an infor-

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mation before the Lord President and Council there, he could not perform the same by reason of other urgent occasions, whereupon being in London attending suits in the Star Chamber, Chancery, and Exchequer, he has been arrested by the Serjeant-at-Arms of the Lord President and Council. He is informed their authority does not extend so far. Prays for his enlargement. [*Half a page.*]

Nov. 23. 59. Order of Council. The Attorney General is to send for Mr. Ratcliffe, the King's Attorney at York, and having demanded of him by what right an arrest may be made in London upon a warrant of the Council at York, is to report thereon to the Council. [*Underwritten is the Attorney General's appointment for Mr. Ratcliffe to attend him on the 26th inst. at his chambers in Lincoln's Inn. One page and a half.*]

Nov. 23. 60. Petition of John Browne, Founder of Iron Ordnance and Shot, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has contracted with his Majesty for the transport of iron ordnance and shot, and has paid a great sum of money for the same. By reason that he has no convoy allowed him he is forced to ship his ordnance into Dutch bottoms which have continual convoy. When Mr. Burlamachi and Tripp transported ordnance they had many times Dutch bottoms to carry over their ordnance, which used to come up to Upnor Castle for their lading. The like liberty is refused to petitioner by Phineas Pett. His hoys are not allowed to come farther than Gillingham, whereas Dutch hoys, which bring not 20*s.* a time profit to his Majesty, go clear through the Navy up to Rochester town quay. Prays that he may bring his hoys up to Upnor Castle. *Underwritten,*

60. I. *Reference to the Officers of the Navy to certify what inconvenience it may be to grant this request. Wallingford House,* 1632, *Dec.* 22. [*Petition and reference, three quarters of a page.*]

60. II. *Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Masters Attendant of the Navy do not remember any Dutch vessels brought up to Upnor Castle in the time of Burlamachi and Tripp; vessels may safely receive their lading at Gillingham, which is not distant a mile from Upnor; Dutch vessels that go up to Rochester obtain leave and bring commodities for that city and country. Mr. Browne was not prohibited by Capt. Pett alone, but by the general consent of the writers, who conceived that it might prove prejudicial that strangers should have access to that river, having opportunity thereby to sound the same, and view the strength of the castle and barricado. Chatham,* 1633, *March* 15. [*One page. Indorsed by Nicholas, "Received 5 April* 1633. *The "Officers' opinion is approved by the Lords."*]

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Nov. 25. Council Chamber, Denmark House. 61. The Commissioners for Management of the Queen's Revenue to Auditor Phelips. Warrant for a particular of a piece of land, parcel of the manor of Higham Ferrers, in the occupation of Nicholas Leonard. [*One page.*]

Nov. 25. 62. Sir Thomas Roe to Sec. Coke. Has not received any letter mentioning a battle, but one of the $\frac{8}{1\cdot 8}$ present describes the quarters of the four armies to be so near that the writer concludes they could not be untwisted without fighting. Sends the letter. It is from Frankfort from a Scottish preacher, who has laboured in the peace of the churches. Was glad to see in it such a disposition in the King of Sweden to restore the King of Bohemia. [*One page.*]

Nov. 26. Lords of the Admiralty to Captain Richard Plumleigh, Admiral of the Victory, employed for foreign service. The ships under his charge are to be the Victory, Bonaventure, Dreadnought, and St. Dennis, which he is to dispose of according to instructions which he shall shortly receive. If he should meet in any part of the Narrow Seas with the Convertive, in which Capt. Pennington commands as Admiral of those seas, Plumleigh is to take in his flag and to continue it furled whilst in sight of that ship, it being an ancient honour and privilege belonging only to that Admiral to carry the flag in the main top in those seas. [*See Vol.* clvii., *fol.* 121. *Three pages.*]

Nov. 26. 63. Capt. Phineas Pett to [Nicholas]. The two new ships will be ready to be launched by Christmas. The time most convenient will be about the middle of January, when the moon will be at the full, and the spring tides at their highest. Cannot well be put on float sooner, as their masts could not be got till the last Norway ships arrived. It is necessary the boatswains should be appointed. [*One page. Received this day.*]

Nov. 26. Hamburgh. 64. Extract from a letter from Hamburgh, indorsed by Sec. Coke as having been delivered by Mr. Wither. It sets forth the great complaint in that town of the frauds in the manufacture of English cloths, and the anxiety of the English dealers abroad for the adoption of the course of sending down visitors into the clothing countries to see to the true making of cloth. [*One page.*]

Nov. 27. Warrant for issuing letters of marque to John Browne and others, to set forth the Speedwell, of London, of 140 tons, John Browne, captain. [*See Vol.* cxxx., *p.* 56.]

Nov. 27. The Victory, in the Hope. 65. Capt, Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Will order the Dreadnought to stay till Capt. Sydenham's coming down. Resolves on Thursday to sail for the Downs with the rest of the fleet. The Hollanders are sixteen sail strong in the channel, and are provided with eleven cables in each, five being spliced together, to give them scope to ride out in the midst of our channel, in case they think

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not fit to use our harbours. A ship from Bilbao reports that Nutt and most of his company are hanged at the Groyne. Thanks for sending Jewell's letter, which is as void of truth as himself of honesty. But what better can be expected from a man who being ashamed of his profession undertook another which is ashamed of him, leaving divinity to put on a sword, and has behaved himself as ill in the one as the other. Has vouchsafed him an answer, but did not think him worthy of his anger. Is heartily sorry for the King of Sweden's death, knowing what loss it is to the Protestant party. [*One page.*]

Nov. 27. Delft. 66. Declaration of the Members of the Company of Merchant Adventurers residing at Delft, seventeen in number. Being informed that they have been traduced in England to be schismatics, they declare, and present this declaration to William Boswell, Agent for the King with the United Provinces, that they are ready to take the oaths of supremacy and allegiance whenever required, and to conform themselves to all the laws of England when they shall come to live therein, although they have conformed to the government established in the Churches of the United Provinces "by the "joint authority of our State as well as of this State," under which they live as their predecessors have done. [*One page. Copy.*]

Nov. 28. Westminster. The King to Sir Walter Devereux, Sir James Pitt, Thomas Symonds, and others. Commission out of the Court of Exchequer for carrying into execution a decree of that Court for the disafforesting of Malvern Chase, in the counties of Worcester, Gloucester, and Hereford. *Annexed,*

1. *Copy of the Decree of the Court of Exchequer above mentioned, made upon an information exhibited in that Court by the Attorney General against the Bishop of Hereford, Sir Thomas Russell, Sir William Russell, and others.* 1632, *Nov.* 19. [*See Case B., Charles I., No.* 9.]

Nov. 28. Whitehall. 67. Extract from the Council Register. Sir Arthur Haselrig and Sir William Faunt having been sent for on a complaint made by the Earl of Huntingdon, Lord Lieutenant of co. Leicester, that they refused to pay the levies made for the Muster-master, on the 23rd inst. made their appearance, and at the same time were present Sir Henry Skipwith and Sir John Skeffington, two of the Deputy Lieutenants of that county. When the cause had been heard and an order made to refer the examination thereof to a committee, Sir Arthur urged these words to Sir John Skeffington: "If such "gentlemen as you shall be suffered to shark the country of their "money, it will be a very pretty thing." When Sir John complained to the Lords, Sir Arthur replied softly, "I do not say so to "the Lords, but only to you in private." Sir Arthur was thereupon committed, but returning into the chamber, on his knees he humbly craved pardon. Sir John Skeffington remaining unsatisfied this day complained thereof to the Committees, whereupon Sir

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Arthur having been sharply reprehended for using such speeches, acknowledged his sorrow, and prayed Sir John Skeffington to pardon the same. [*One page and a quarter.*] *Underwritten,*

67. I. *Undertaking of Sir Arthur Haselrig to pay the Muster-master's fee without delay.* 1632, *Nov.* 30. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Nov. 28. 68. John Goodwin to the Lords of the Admiralty. His Majesty's ships in harbour at Portsmouth lie in great danger, all strangers' ships putting freely in there without restraint. Supposes it would be very fit that the Maria pinnace were rigged, manned, and fitted to lie between his Majesty's ships and such strangers' ships as shall come in there. [*Half a page.*]

Nov. 28. Kinsale. 69. Capt. Dawtry Cooper to Nicholas. Sends various papers relating to some misconduct of the master of his ship, which is described in Nicholas's indorsement as a mutiny. The writer had communicated with the Lords of Ireland, who had given him noble encouragement. He sends his journal, which shows how he had spent his time. [*Received 12th December* 1632. *One page.*]

Nov. 28. 70. Names of persons of Penryn who are in custody of the messenger, with an abstract of the complaints against them made by Richard Prickman, Deputy Vice-Admiral of Penryn. The prisoners were William Bloy, Mayor of Penryn, William Smalley, and William Gluvias, *alias* Glewis. The principal charge against them was that of rescuing Nicholas Bloy, a prisoner in the custody of Prickman. [*Received by Nicholas this day. One page.*]

Nov. 29. Star Chamber. 71. Order of Council. The Lord Mayor and others of London having complained of great injury to the city by reason of the extraordinary enlargement of the suburbs, and stated the results to be, that the freedom of London was grown to be of little worth, that multitudes of people of the meaner sort were drawn to London by the new erected buildings, that the markets were forestalled and prices raised, that the pipes that conveyed water were built upon, and that it was doubted that when the streets should be paved much gravel and sand would be conveyed into the river, and navigation be thereby prejudiced, the petition was referred to Lord Cottington and Secs. Coke and Windebank, calling to them some of the Commissioners of Buildings, with the Attorney General and the Recorder, to advise of fitting remedies. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

Nov. 29. 72. Minute of Lord Treasurer Weston, that the grant for restitution of temporalities to Bishop Wright, of Lichfield and Coventry, was to bear date from the day of his translation. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Nov. 29. 73. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Sends certificate of who are the pretenders to wreck in the north of Cornwall. Solicits payment of 25*l.* he is out of pocket for Hill's ship. The abuses of the Cornish marshal have caused Sir James Bagg, the writer and others, to certify

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his unfitness, and recommend Thomas Peleyne to serve in that place. A lame leg prevents his waiting upon him. [*Indorsed by Nicholas as received on the 27th inst. One page.*]

Nov. 30. 74. Petition of Richard Prickman, Deputy Vice-Admiral to Sir James Bagg, and Searcher for the Farmers of Customs at Penryn, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Beseeches them to cast their eyes upon the annexed complaint, for answering whereof the Mayor of Penryn and others are now in custody, and prays that before they be discharged, order may be taken for satisfying his great damages and abuses. [*Half a page. Indorsed by Nicholas as received this day.*] *Annexed,*

74. I. *Articles of Complaint of Richard Prickman against the Mayor and divers merchants of Penryn and Penny-go-quick,* alias *Smithwick. It contains eleven charges of interference with Prickman in the performance of his duty.* [*One page and a quarter. Sworn* 1632, *Nov.* 28. *Indorsed is a memorandum of Sir Henry Marten that on the* 11*th December* 1632, *Francis Bassett, Vice-Admiral of the North of Cornwall, and Robert Smyth, messenger of the Lords of the Admiralty, informed him that he should be no further troubled in this business, Sir James Bagg and Richard Prickman having made an end thereof.*]

Nov. 30. The Convertive, before Margate. 75. Capt. John Pennington to the same. After a tedious voyage, has returned thither, and that morning landed the Earl of Leicester and Sir Robert Anstruther. So soon as he has discharged their baggage, will repair to the Downs and await their Lordships' commands. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 30. Margate Road. 76. The same to Nicholas. Never woman with child longed more than Pennington does to hear from Nicholas, nor never poor man was more tired out with an employment. From the letter to the Lords, he will see that he has landed his charge in safety. The King of Sweden has given a great overthrow to Wallenstein and Pappenheim, but has lost his life, for which Pennington, and, as he thinks, all honest-hearted Englishmen, are infinitely sorry. Wishes to know if the Lord Marquis be come home. The Ambassadors wish to have the honour of mentioning the news. [*One page.*]

Nov. 30. 77. Thomas Viscount Wentworth to James Earl of Carlisle. Understands from his cousin Wandesford how the Earl is pleased to lay his favours upon him, as if he had of malice forethought resolved to break his back with them. By his favour Mr. Sherburne is put off from being Sheriff. His wife being a recusant the writer thought his Majesty's affairs of that nature might suffer by his appointment. Now there is a voice among them as if the recusants proposed to make Mr. Walmesley Sheriff, which the writer, for the same cause,

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begs the Earl to prevent. Fleet hounds are grown a rare commodity in those parts, but he trusts to furnish him with some that are excellent before Christmas. [*One page.*]

[Nov. 30?] 78. David Stott, Messenger of the Chamber, to Mrs. Barlow. Notice to attend Sec. Windebank at Whitehall on the morrow morning. [*Half a page. Indorsed as relating to Mrs. Barlow and Sir John Caswell.*]

Nov. 30. 79. Bond of Benjamin Eldred, of Whitefriars, Robert Hill, of Toddington, co. Beds, and John Lane, of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in 300*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of Benjamin Eldred before the Council upon three days' notice. [*One page. Indorsed as Captain Eldred's bond.*]

Nov. Grant to Charles Harbord and others of the lordship of Hexham, of the yearly value of 214*l.* 6*s.* 8¾*d.*, in part performance of a contract made by his Majesty with Sir John Heydon and others, and in consideration of 2,218*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.* paid into the Exchequer. The yearly rent of 233*l.* 7*s.* 8¾*d.* is reserved to his Majesty, with a tenure in socage, of which 223*l.* 7*s.* 8¾*d.*, 60*l.* 18*s.* 10¾*d.* is rated at 20 years' purchase, which amounts to 1,218*l.* 17*s.* 11*d.*, and for the copyhold, 1,000*l.* [*Docquet.*]

[Nov.?] 80. Confirmation to Henry Earl of Holland of all the goods and chattels of Dr. Henry Butts, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, who, on the 1st April last, became *felo de se*, which goods and chattels by the King's direction had been already granted to the said Earl by Bishop White, of Ely, the King's Almoner, in whom the right to the same vested in augmentation of the King's alms. [*Copy. Eleven pages.*]

Nov. 81. Petition of William Ramsay to the King. Petitioner being employed as a pilot under command of Sir William Alexander, he the said Sir William took a ship of St. Jean de Luz, belonging to Michael d'Hursu. The ship was adjudged prize, but by his Majesty's direction, and at the desire of the now Chancellor of France, then residing Ambassador in England, redelivered to the said Michael in better case than when she was taken. Petitioner is now taken at Bordeaux, cast into a miserable dungeon, with a load of fetters upon his legs, against all justice and humanity. Prays the King to desire the now Ambassador from France to cause petitioner to be set at liberty, and satisfaction to be made to him for his imprisonment and enduring of fetters. [*One page. Copy. Indorsed is a memorandum by Sec. Windebank that by his Majesty's commandment he carried the petition to the French Ambassador, who promised to write into France that the petitioner might be relieved.*]

[Nov.?] 82. Petition of wholesale Traders of London, frequenting the fairs of Exeter, to the Council. A fair is to be kept in that city on the 6th December next, called St. Nicholas's fair. Doubting they may be restrained on account of the sickness in London, pray that all

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such of them as can procure certificates from the Lord Mayor that they and their families have been all this year free from infection, may have liberty to repair to the said fair. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 83. Mayor and others of St. Alban's, co. Hertford, to the Council. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the liberty of St. Alban's. Markets plentifully supplied. Wheat sold at 4*s.* 6*d.* per bushel. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Nov. 84. Petition of Nicholas Rainton, Lord Mayor, and others, of London, to the same. Have committed to Newgate divers of the wardens of those companies that have not laid in their proportion of corn, and intend to proceed to the punishment of others that have made default. Have published their commands respecting the assize of bread, and have given strict orders for the performance thereof. [*One page.*]

Nov. 85. Justices of Peace for co. Wilts to the same. Excuse their non-performance of the required carriage of timber, on account of the occurrence of harvest and his Majesty's coming into the county. Great part of Wiltshire is threescore miles distant from the place where the timber is to be laden. [*One page.*]

Nov. 86. Petition of the Merchant Adventurers of England to the same. Recite the commission for reformation of clothing in whites made in cos. Oxford, Gloucester, Wilts, and the eastern limits of Somersetshire, the return made by Anthony Wither inculpating Nathaniel Stephens, and the letters written by the Council to the Justices of co. Gloucester, to admonish him to desist from his singularity. Wither has since been in the country, and has acquainted the petitioners that Stephens still persists in his course touching the oath of the searchers, and that other Justices have been drawn into the same opinion. The time now approaching for the new swearing of searchers, petitioners pray for an examination of the matter and present consideration of the searchers' oath. [*Two pages and a half.*]

Nov. 87. Mayor and others of Coventry to the same. Some of the poor weavers of that city have petitioned the Board against the inland merchants and drapers of the same city seeking to prevent their bringing in Gloucestershire clothes to be dyed and dressed there, which they have ever done, and which is a great stay and maintenance of the companies of clothworkers and dyers of that city, and according to a former order of the Board. The course of the inland merchants and drapers is commendable, and the writers hope it will be continued. [*One page. One of the signatures is that of "William Burbage."*]

Nov. 88. Lord Treasurer Weston to Sec. [Windebank]. On request of Bishop Curle, of Winchester, the grant for the restitution of the temporalities of that see to him is to take effect from the 2nd October last past. [*One quarter of a page. Indorsed by Sec. Windebank.*]

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Nov. 90. Notes taken out of the certificates delivered to the Clerks of the Council from the Justices of Peace for Salop, Wilts, Cornwall, Salisbury, and co. Hertford. [*Two pages.*]

Nov. 91. Tonnage of French wines brought in in Flemish bottoms from April to November 1632. [*One page and a quarter.*]

[Nov.] 92. Note of three busses taken from the Society for the Fishing by Hollanders and Dunkirkers. They were the Experience, of Yarmouth, taken by the Flying Horse, of Groningen, about 22nd of August last; the Flower, of Yarmouth, by a man-of-war of Enckhuysen, named Garrat Johnson Scummer, about September last; the Concord, of Yarmouth, by a man-of-war of Dunkirk, named Jan Peere, about 22 September last. [*One page.*]

Nov. 93. Minute of Order or proposed Order of Council for sequestering all the books of account of the Ordnance, in order that persons to be named might prepare therefrom a statement of the accounts of that office since the last general remain taken in 1620. [*One page and a half.*]

Nov. 94. Humphrey Cantrell to Mr. Reade. Anthony Tayler, master of the Priscilla and Thomas, will be brought before Sec. Windebank, by the Lord Mayor's officer, at his return from Newcastle, to be examined concerning the gunpowder he saw delivered at Ostend in March last. He stated that he saw 100 barrels delivered out of a little ship, of London. If Reade will further this business, whatever falls to Cantrell's share he will part stakes. [*Half a page.*]

[Nov.?] 95. Oath of homage taken by Bishop Wright on his translation from the see of Bristol to that of Coventry and Lichfield. [*Fifteen lines.*]

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Dec. 1. York. 1. Thomas Viscount Wentworth, Lord President, and the Council of the North to the Council. After many contempts of Sir Thomas Gower, there lately issued thence a Commission of Rebellion for his apprehension, and now, taken thereon, he pretends this Court has no power to arrest without the limits of their jurisdiction. He was informed against for having in open court on the bench spoken scandalous words against the King's Attorney there, and through him fixed a great imputation upon them all, so far forth as a tongue so well understood among his neighbours, was able to carry it. He

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promised to put in his answer but did not; living meanwhile within eight miles of that city in the manner of an outlaw, process of contempt and the Serjeant-at-Arms being sent for him in vain. Last term he went up to London, still exercising that same liberty of speech, and there quartered himself in Holborn close by others of the like affections, where they, their children and followers, so demean themselves against the Government, as they are there wantonly termed the rebels of the north. Such a public affront the writers might not pass by, and in conformity with the authority given them by their commission, and with former precedents in similar cases of contempt, their Serjeant-at-Arms apprehended Sir Thomas in Holborn. He petitioned the Lord Keeper, who moved that bail might be taken for his appearance the last week of that sitting, which was concurred in. Without acquainting the Lords with this offer of bail, he petitioned their Lordships, who referred the matter to the Attorney General, whereupon Sir Thomas "bustles "up as if he would have gone from the Serjeant," but he keeps the gentleman, and so the case stands at present. Without the power of compelling an answer, the Court is fruitless to the people and useless to the King. Now a days the uttermost that all his Majesty's ministers can do scarcely restrains the people within the bounds of respect and obedience. As to the question of jurisdiction they are sufficiently provided to give the Council satisfaction. [*Three pages and three quarters.*]

Dec. 1. 2. Petition of William Bloy, William Gluvias, and William Smalley of Penryn, Cornwall, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Petitioners were sent for to appear for some pretended contempt to the King's officers in breaking open locks and taking goods, of which petitioners are altogether innocent. Their journey is 500 miles out and home, and they have now waited long upon great expenses. Pray to be heard and dismissed. [*Half a page.*]

Dec. 1. Mincing Lane. 3. Officers of the Navy to the same. Recommend John Jones, who served captain of the Centaur, a Newcastle ship employed in the Cadiz expedition, to be lieutenant under Capt. Sydenham in the Dreadnought for the service now in hand. [*One page.*]

Dec. 1. The Dreadnought. 4. Capt. Francis Sydenham to Sec. Coke. Came on board his ship in Tilbury Hope on 27th November. The Victory and the Bonaventure preceded him and are in the Downs. Thursday morning weighed anchor, the St. Dennis being with him, but the wind coming to be a steady gale from the north-east, he had been unable to get beyond Queenborough. Begs him to procure the Officers to send him down a chirurgeon. [*One page.*]

Dec. 1. 5. John Philipot, Somerset Herald, to Nicholas. If Captain Lord should move the Lords Commissioners for any order to remove the writer from his place in the Fort at Gravesend, which is lieutenant, or Cape [?] gunner, with the fee of 12*d.* per diem, begs that he may be heard before anything be ordered. Calls in question Capt.

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Lord's capacity for his office. The Castles in the ports afford many precedents that such places can be served by deputy. John Hervey, the King's footman, was Castle man at Sandgate. [*One page.*]

Dec. 1. 6. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be considered by the Lords of the Admiralty, with marginal notes of five determinations. Many matters are mentioned here which were not dealt with by the Lords, *ex. gr.:* Sir Thomas Button attended to be heard concerning the charge against him, for which he had been sequestered from his employment in Ireland. Certificate of Capt. Hooke that the Fifth Whelp had not been paid these 14 months. Petition of William Jones against Paul Wilson for suing him at the common law for matters determinable in the Admiralty. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

Dec. 1. Minutes of the proceedings of the Lords of the Admiralty at their meeting this day. Renewed commission read, and meetings appointed every Saturday afternoon at two o'clock in the Council Chamber; estimate for furnishing and transporting the ships building at Deptford and Woolwich signed; letter to the Officers of the Navy to survey the new ships; notification of the King's pleasure that Kenrick Edisbury should be Surveyor of the Navy; Capt. Thomas to be released out of the Marshalsea, if Sir Thomas Button will give bail in 6,000*l.* for his answering the charge against him in the Admiralty. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 1.]

Dec. 1. Whitehall. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on the petition of John Taylor, *see Vol.* ccxxv., *No.* 34. John Hance is to release his actions against Taylor and others, and give them satisfaction for their charges, and upon his submission and payment of fees shall be discharged, with liberty to take his course in the Admiralty Court against Richards. [*See Ibid., fol.* 1 *a.*]

Dec. 1. 7. Notes taken by Sec. Windebank at the meeting of the Lords of the Admiralty this day. They principally relate to the want of proper accounts of the Navy and Ordnance. [*Six lines.*]

Dec. 3. 8. Petition of Priscilla Rous, widow, to the Council of War. There is due to Benjamin Outregd [Oughtred] 31*l.* 10*s.*, for pay in the expeditions to Cadiz and the Isle of Rhé. Oughtred was slain in the latter expedition, but before his death assigned his pay to Thomas Foord, who assigned the same to petitioner. Petitioner's husband was a captain, and lost his life in the expedition to Cadiz, and left her very poor and miserable. Prays them to appoint Capt. Mason to pay her the above amount. [*Half a page.*]

Dec. 4. Kinsale. 9. Capt. Dawtry Cooper to Nicholas. He will perceive by the inclosed what occurrents have happened since his last. Norman, vice-admiral to Nutt, is in the river of Limerick, but by reason of the mutiny in his ship, the writer cannot go to apprehend him. How the Lords [Justices of Ireland] will order him and punish his men he knows not. His master is gone up to Dublin, and thinks to return victorious. [*Half a page.*] *Incloses,*

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9. I. *Captain Dawtry Cooper to the Lords Justices of Ireland. Sends a letter found by a kinsman of Cooper, from which it appears that the conspirators had vowed his death. Notwithstanding, he scorns the danger if their Lordships command him to sea with them; but if they murder him or go unpunished no captain hereafter will execute their Lordships' commands. Last night his ship was in danger to be driven ashore for want of another cable; but the boatswain refused to give up the key of his store room, or an account of his store, unless the sovereign of the town would save him harmless, and this answer the sovereign held reasonable, not reflecting on the danger of the ship. Kinsale, 1632, Nov. 30. Copy.* [*One page.*]

9. II. *The same to the same. Sends apparently the intelligence about Norman above mentioned, and urges upon them the importance of giving him power to furnish himself with such men as will enable him to do his Majesty and their Lordships service. William Brooke, his master, has persuaded Cooper's officers that he will come in again in triumph. If Cooper had the power given to him he would select William Purser for his master, one of those men shipped by Brooke to teach him the art of navigation, but a man of fair "abearance" and good government. Kinsale, 1632, Dec. 3.* [*Copy. One page. On the same paper as the preceding.*]

Dec. 4. 10. John Hill to Sir John Lambe. Nathaniel Agutter offers 10*l.* for renewal of a lease of half a yard land in Higham. It is in the same lease with Mrs. Leonard's. [*Half a page.*]

[Dec. 5.] 11. Petition of Peter de Lisle, heir of Thomas de Lisle, late of Guernsey, and Thomasin de Lisle, widow of the said Thomas de Lisle, to the Council. Sentence was given by the bailiff and some of the jurats of Guernsey on 29th April 1630, against the petitioners in favour of John Gibaut, intermeddler in the succession of Thomas Guill, deceased, and others bound with Guill, for payment of money to Thomas de Lisle. Petitioners conceive themselves much damnified, and appeal to the Council. Pray a hearing or reference. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. 12. Order of Council. Reference of the preceding petition to the Solicitor General to report thereon. [*One page. Copy.*]

Dec. 5. Mincing Lane. 13. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. John Graves, Edward Stevens, master of the Company, John Taylor, Matthew Graves, John Dearsly, Robert Tranckmore, Christopher Malam, and John Hoxton, are the most able and fit shipwrights on the Thames, to survey the two ships now building at Deptford and Woolwich. [*One page.*]

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Dec. 5. Mincing Lane. 14. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Ambrose Groome, cook of the Assurance, having grown in years and surrendered his place, they recommend Thomas Wilkinson as his successor. [*One page.*]

Dec. 5. 15. The same to Nicholas. Are advertised that the Convertive is altogether unfurnished with beer; wish him to inform the Lords that they suppose it fit that she were called in. Recommend the same course for the Second Whelp. [*Half a page.*]

Dec. 6. 16. Petition of John Richards, merchant of Exeter, to the Lords of the Admiralty. John Hance conceives that by the recent order of their Lordships (*see this Vol.*, Dec. 1), he is left at liberty to proceed in his suit at common law against petitioner. Prays that Hance may be enjoined to take his remedy in the High Court of Admiralty, where petitioner is ready to answer him. [*Half a page.*]

Dec. 6. Westminster. 17. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Glad of his arrival. His friends doubted he might have been surprised by the frost. The Lords will advise further before they give order for the recall of his ship and the Second Whelp. Doubts not that Capt. Plumleigh has shown him his general instructions, whereby he is to keep his flag furled when in sight of Pennington's ship. Believes after all this great show these ships will be continued for guard of the Narrow Seas this next year. The deaths of the Kings of Sweden and Bohemia are so far credited that the King, Queen, and Court have worn mourning for them since Sunday last. King Charles has had the small-pox, but was never sick, and is in a good way of recovery. His gists for Scotland are already agreed on. The progress begins 11 May, and all that are to attend are listed. There are added to the Lords of the Admiralty Lord Cottington, Sir Henry Vane, and Sec. Windebank. Mr. Edisbury is passing his patent as Surveyor of the Navy. Sir Robert Anstruther is upon despatch again for Germany. P.S. It is confidently affirmed that the King of Sweden is alive and likely to recover. Prays it may be true. The Lord Marquis is come home, and in as great favour with the King as ever. Nicholas's man King has left him, and he has another. [*Two pages.*]

Dec. 6. 18. Certificate of Sir Dudley Carleton, whereby he testifies of certain particular passages, among many wrongful proceedings, of the Admiralty of Rotterdam, in the cause of Nicholas Pollhill, demanding reparation for a prize taken from his men near Madeira, in January 1631, by the St. Peter of Rotterdam, Capt. Michael Cornelius T'Kint. [*Copy. One page. It may be doubted, from the statement in the original, whether the date under which this paper is placed is that of the paper itself, or that of a certificate of Sir Henry Marten, that the copy was accurate.*]

Dec. 7. Westminster. 19. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. The Lords have sent for him to come in with his ship to Chatham. The King of Sweden is reported to be alive. Dalbier that at first (as some say) affirmed

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that he saw him dead, denies the fact, and report is that there is one come to Delft that says he saw the King alive and kissed his hand three days after the battle, and that he was only hurt in the shoulder, whereof he is likely to be well recovered. Their master is in a good way of recovery, and has never been sick at all, though his body be full of the small-pox. [*One page.*]

Dec. 7. 20. Estimate of the Lords of the Admiralty and Officers of the Navy of the ordinary charge of the Navy for the year 1633. Total, 28,635*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.* [*Two pages.*]

Dec. 7. 21. Bill of [Adam Brown, joiner], for work done at St. John's Chapel, Oxford, paid this day; total, 74*l.* It includes 40*l.* for the "screen to part the upper end of the chapel." [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

21. I. *Receipt given to Adam Brown for* 22*l.* 10*s. part of the above bill, and paid by him for deals.* 1632, *Nov.* 2. [*One quarter of a page.*]

Dec. 8. The King to the Masters, Wardens, and Assistants of the Company of Barbers and Surgeons to elect a learned Doctor of Physic to read a lecture on surgery every Tuesday, as formerly hath been done by Dr. Gwynn. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 8. 22. Sir Henry Marten to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report on the case of Nicholas Pollhill, referred to him on the 20th November last (*see Vol.* ccxxv., *No.* 48). He thought Mr. Pollhill not bound to prosecute any further proceedings at Rotterdam, and advised that the King should grant him letters of reprisal. [*Copy. One page.*]

Dec. 8. 23. Another copy of the Report calendared above. [*One page. Indorsed as received* 3 *May* 1636. *Underwritten is a copy of a memorandum, signed E*[*dward*] *N*[*icholas*], *that upon Sir Henry Marten's report the Lords resolved to attend his Majesty to move him that some effectual course might be taken for the petitioner's satisfaction.*]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. 24. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. Calling to them some of the Masters Attendant and Master Shipwrights, with three or four of the ablest Elder Brethren of the Trinity House, and certain under-named shipwrights, they are to see that the two ships building at Deptford and Woolwich be duly measured and surveyed. [*One page. Draft.*]

[Dec. 8 ?] Nicholas's first rough draft of an order, or suggested order, of the Lords of the Admiralty, whereby they intimated that in the preferment of officers of the Navy they would henceforth hold the course of raising such as should, by the merit of their diligent and honest demeanour, make themselves capable of better preferment, reserving to themselves full power of preferring any person

of more than ordinary desert, as they should think best for his Majesty's service. [*Half a page. Written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

Dec. 8. The Convertive, in the Downs.

25. Capt. John Pennington to the Lords of the Admiralty. Got out the baggage of the Ambassadors on the 1st inst. Has daily expected directions in regard of his victualling. Has but 14 days remaining, and 10 days is as little as he can have to come about with at that time of the year. [*One page.*]

Dec. 9. The Convertive, in the Downs.

26. The same to the same. At eight last night received their order of the 7th for his ship's and the Whelp's coming in, but at 11 o'clock received another order of the same date that it was his Majesty's pleasure they should continue out two months longer, which he shall readily obey. Begs them to hasten his supply of victuals, and that the order run for 200 men. Their ship is roomy and all things weighty and ponderous that belong to her. They have all had their hands full with her this summer, and yet he has as good men as have been aboard these seven years, therefore they may consider what he shall have now in the gusts of winter, if they have any cause to employ him from thence. [*One page.*]

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27. Capt. Henry Stradling to Capt. John Pennington. Professes attachment and begs to be excused for not waiting his happy return. Before he receives this will hear of Capt. Plumleigh's gallant employment; he means in regard of his command, he is ignorant of the design. Some recent circumstances have made Capt. Plumleigh's heart fully open to him. Desires the continuance of Pennington's favour. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Dec. 10. The Victory.

28. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. There is a bruit raised by some officers of Capt. Pennington's ship, that upon his order to revictual he is likewise to take the command of the Fleet over Plumleigh's head. Hopes he has not deserved to suffer so great a disgrace, and whensoever it falls that he shall have courage enough not to outlive it. If he had never had the command he could not have quarrelled him for it, but having been at a great charge in his provisions, and reputed Admiral of the Fleet, to be now dismissed is worse than a thousand deaths. Since he heard that rumour has lived in less ease than a man on the rack. Beseeches Nicholas to give him his opinion in a word or two that he may be provided against the worst. He may give his letter to Plumleigh's wife on Thursday. [*One page.*]

Dec. 11. Whitehall.

29. Sec. Windebank to the Clerk of the Signet. Warrant to prepare a bill for a grant from his Majesty of the inheritance, or reversion expectant in the Crown, of Credling Park, co. York, to Robert Earl of Monmouth, the annual rent of 4*l.* 10*s.*, whereby the same is now held, being extinguished, and with power to dispark. [*One page. Draft.*]

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Dec. 12. 30. Petition of William Bloy, William Smalley, and William Gluvias to the Lords of the Admiralty. The differences between Prickman and petitioners have been composed by consent of Sir James Bagg. They are heartily sorry for their offence, and pray order for their release. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

30. I. *Certificate of Sir James Bagg that petitioners have given satisfaction to the complainant Prickman.* [*Half a page.*]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty. On consideration of the above petition and certificate, and the certificate of Sir Henry Marten, (*Vol.* ccxxv., *No.* 74.), the petitioners are to be discharged. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 1 *a. Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 12. 31. Petition of John Hance to the same. Petitioner, on complaint of John Taylor, Marshal of the Vice Admiralty of Exeter, was fetched away from his dwelling near 150 miles from London. Begs them to accept his submission and vouchsafe their favour. [*One page.*]

[Dec. 12?] 32. Note of John Taylor's charges in defence of John Hance's action at common law; total, 22*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*, with 10*l.* extra claimed for loss of time. [*One page.*]

[Dec. 12?] 33. The same charges reduced by a kind of taxation to 10*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* and the 10*l.* to 20*s.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 12. 34. Nicholas to Capt. John Pennington. Thanks for a letter, tobacco, and silk stuff. Believes he is to transport Sir Robert Anstruther. Pennington's purser says that his ship's supply is in a readiness. Believes he will not have any addition to his men, but Nicholas is to mention the subject to the Lords again. Guesses that Capt. Plumleigh's employment will be for foreign parts. There is advertisement of the certain death of the King of Sweden, but merchants do not yet forbear to lay wagers that he is not slain. He died a glorious death, having first defeated the enemy's forces. King Charles is well in health, but goes not yet abroad. The journey to Scotland holds, and is like to do so, unless the deaths of the Kings of Sweden and Bohemia cause an alteration. It is said "the Saxon Weimar" commands in the King of Sweden's place. They at Court do not believe the Queen's mother, or Monsieur, will come over for England, but till Mr. Murray's return there is no certainty. [*One page and a half.*]

Dec. 12. Garsington. 35. George Melsam to Capt. Phineas Pett. Hears that he has built two as brave ships as any in England of Shotover timber. Here is store of good timber to build more, but it must be taken in time. The forest is worth 20,000*l.* less than when Sir Timothy Tyrrell came to be Lieutenant five years ago. His great abuses, especially in felling timber to repair his lodge, are set forth. The writer offers so to plant the woods that his Majesty may well live

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to see them 60,000*l.* better than they are now. As the woods are now decayed the wit of man cannot make them good again so long as there are any deer. Wishes him to go to John West, in Warwick Lane, and see the return of the Commission by Drs. Bancroft, Juxon, and Smith, Mr. Rohistler, and Mr. Howell, four years ago, where he will find the abuses proved by a substantial jury. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Dec. 12. 36. Covenant of Daniel Winch and Walter Bateman, to pay Alderman Robert Campbell interest on a sum of 200*l.*, although not bound to do so by their bond. [*Half a page.*]

Dec. 13. 37. Petition of William Bennett, merchant of the Salutation, of Yarmouth, and Andrew Batten, master of the same ship, and the rest of the owners thereof, to Lord Treasurer Weston. On return from Zante, with goods for Amsterdam or Dunkirk, they were commanded to bring their ship into the Thames and pay customs, which they did, and afterwards the goods were ordered to be laid into the custom house and sequestered. Petitioners thereupon appealed to the Lord Treasurer, who directed that the Turkey Company might buy the goods if they liked, and that petitioners should not otherwise dispose of them for 24 hours. After that time, and nothing concluded, petitioners sold a small portion for raising moneys to pay customs and expenses; but their goods were violently detained, and themselves beaten and abused by Measa, an officer. Pray order that they may dispose of their goods without further interruption. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

37. 1. *Affidavit of William Bennett and Thomas Hoarth in verification of the latter portion of the preceding affidavit. Sworn,* 1632, *Dec.* 13. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 14. Grant to Thomas Knevitt and William Ashby, of the office of Porter of the Mint, on surrender of a patent made to Thomas Knevitt and Edmund Knevitt, deceased. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 14. Grant to Case Shurley and Brian Case, two of his Majesty's servants, of 300*l.* set upon Ambrose Dudley, late Keeper of his Majesty's woods at the manor of Chopwell, co. Durham, for converting timber trees to his own use. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 14. Warrant to prepare a grant to James Levingston, Groom of the Bedchamber, in consideration of 1,000*l.* to be paid by him, of all that moor called Southmoor, *alias* Aldermoor, late parcel of the manor of Glaston, co. Somerset. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 14. Warrant to pay to Lady Ann Fielding the sum of 3,000*l.*, of his Majesty's free gift. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 14. 38. Nicholas Rainton, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of London to the Council. Present the names of persons imprisoned in Newgate (having been wardens of divers companies), for not making up their usual proportions towards last year's provision of 10,000

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quarters of corn. Have taken special care for provision of 10,000 quarters for the present year. As to the 30,000 quarters over and above the 10,000, they pray their Lordships not to press them further thereto. They know not how to have it accomplished. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

38. I. *Names of Wardens of divers Companies of London committed to Newgate as above mentioned.* 1632, *Dec.* 14. [*One page.*]

Dec. [14?] 39. Nicholas Rainton, Lord Mayor, and the Aldermen of London, to the Council. The Eastland Merchants of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, having petitioned that the prohibition of export of salt might be taken off, the writers set forth that the price of salt has risen from 30*s.* and 32*s.* a weigh, which was of late years conceived to be a high price, to 40*s.* and upwards. The absence of restraint in Scotland is deemed no reason for the withdrawal of it in England, there being no such necessity for the use of salt by sea or land in the former country as in the latter. [*One page.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. 40. Minutes of proceedings of the Council of the Society for the Fishing, in a meeting held this day. The commission read and ordered that all the Commissioners should be warned to attend on the 24th January next, to hear the same commission publicly read; the Lord Marshal to advise with the heralds about a seal. On information of a buss taken this last summer from the servants of Lord Maltravers and others of this Society, by subjects of the United Provinces, it was resolved to make his Majesty acquainted therewith, and move him to send to the States Ambassador here resident, and to write to the agent in the Low Countries, for justice and satisfaction. The Attorney General was to deliver to the clerks attending this Council a copy of the ancient form of Letters of Request, issued in case of depredation. [*One page and a half.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. Nicholas's draft of the above minutes, except the last entry. Indorsed in Nicholas's hand is the following memorandum: "The "King hath by the Lords of the Foreign Committee, demanded of "the States Ambassadors satisfaction for the abuses of the busses, "and they have promised it." [*See Vol.* ccxxi., *No.* 23.]

[Dec. 15.] 41. List of such men as are recommended to be boatswains in the Navy. [*In Nicholas's hand, with indorsed memoranda, also in his hand, of the appointments made this day and hereafter calendared. One page and a quarter, and the indorsements one page.*]

Dec. 15. Notes by Sec. Windebank of the proceedings of the Lords of the Admiralty, at their meeting this day. The appointments made this day are mentioned, and there is important information respecting the cases of Sir Francis Stewart and Nicholas Pollhill. [*See this present Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 7. *Half a page.*]

Dec. 15. 42. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be considered by the Lords of the Admiralty at their meeting this day, with memoranda

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indorsed in further reference to some of the same subjects. Many of the matters are mentioned in other papers calendared under this date. [*One page and a half.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. 43. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. The Council has referred to the writers the petition of divers owners of ships, employed in his Majesty's service in the late wars, who complain of the rule for measuring ships prescribed by order of Council of 26 May 1628, and desire that since the freight for their ships was due before the order was made, they may have bills for the same, according to the old rule of measuring. Refer the same to their consideration, and for their report as to what they conceive most just and fit. [*One page.*]

Dec. 15. Copy of the same. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii. *fol.* 2 *a. Half a page.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The same to the same. On consideration of the letter of Mr. Goodwin, one of the four principal masters (*see Vol.* ccxxv., *No.* 68.), the Officers of the Navy are to take order that the pinnace, the Maria, be fitted, victualled, and manned with ten men, besides the boatswain, to ride in the harbour of Portsmouth, to guard his Majesty's ships. [*Copy. See Ibid., fol.* 2. *Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The same to the same. To recommend two or three able men from whom the writers may make choice of a boatswain for the Maria. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 2 *a. Quarter of a page.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The same to the same. To enter Thomas Rockwell, formerly boatswain in the Adventure, to be boatswain of the new ship at Woolwich. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 3. *Quarter of a page.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The same to the same. The like for John Gurnett, boatswain in the Henrietta, to succeed Thomas Rockwell in the Adventure. [*Minute. Ibid., fol.* 3. *Four lines.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The same to the same. The like for John Vincle, to succeed John Gurnett in the Henrietta. [*Minute. Ibid., fol.* 3. *Three lines.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The same to the same. The like for Richard Bennett, to be boatswain of the new ship at Deptford. [*Minute. Ibid., fol.* 3. *Two lines.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The same to the same. The like for Thomas Severn, boatswain in the Maria, to be boatswain in the Third Lion's Whelp, in place of Thomas Carrall, now boatswain of the Warspite. [*Minute. Ibid., fol.* 3. *Four lines.*]

Dec. 15. Whitehall. The same to the same. Warrant to send for all such of his Majesty's silk flags, ensigns, and streamers as are aboard any of his Majesty's ships, or in any of his Majesty's storehouses at Chatham, Portsmouth, Deptford, or elsewhere, and to cause them to be deli-

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vered aboard the Victory, in the Downs, with all possible expedition. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 3. *Quarter of a page. Dated* 18*th, but probably by mistake, as it is preceded and followed by entries dated the* 15*th.*]

Dec. 15. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty. On reading the petition of Nicholas Pollhill, Robert Powlett, and others (*See Vol.* ccxxv., *No.* 48); the reference to Sir Henry Marten of 20 November last (*See Vol.* ccxxv. *No.* 48); and Sir Henry's report, dated in the copy 3rd instead of 8th instant (*See No.* 22), it was resolved to attend his Majesty to acquaint him with the said report, and to move him that some effectual course might be taken for the petitioner's satisfaction. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 3 *a. Three pages and a half.*]

Dec. 15. 44. Statement by Mr. Nicolls, Secretary for sixteen years to Viscount Dorchester, of the great displeasure of the Viscountess, brought upon him by his being ordered on the King's behalf to attend Mr. Dickenson and Young to take a catalogue of the late Lord's manuscripts. States reasons for believing that several of the manuscripts were embezzled, and mentions several, which he had stated to Sir Dudley Carleton and Mr. Weckherlin soon after Lord Dorchester's death were not to be found. [*One page and a half.*]

Dec. 17. 45. Sir Richard Sheldon to John Gibaut. Notice to appear before Sir Richard, between the 1st and 20th May next, in the Inner Temple, on the business of the reference of the petition of Peter de Lisle and Thomasin de Lisle, widow of Thomas de Lisle. [*One page.*]

Dec. 17. 46. Account of payments to Thomas Earl of Kellie, from 23 May 1629 to this date, in part of 10,000*l.* free gift, by letter dated 31 Dec. 1625. Total, 8,670*l.* [*One page and a quarter.*]

Dec. 18. Mellifant. 47. Bond of Worsley Battin of Drogheda and Charles Lord Moore of Mellifant to Edmund Fortescue of London in 1,000*l.*, conditioned for the due execution by Battin of the trust of collectorship of the port of Drogheda, detaining to himself 20*l.* yearly. [*One page.*]

Dec. 19. The Victory. 48. Captain Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Thanks for satisfying his doubts, since which time Captain Pennington is recalled, and Plumleigh's fleet rides there without any instructions. He ought to have some orders for the Narrow Seas, especially as there daily come in merchant ships, who will haply unload goods to defraud the King of his customs. Will adventure to prohibit them, but he should have particular instructions. If the Lords intend to revictual them, Sir Sampson Darrell must have order that the victuals be there ten days before the present be out. Has sent the Second Whelp to Dunkirk for Mr. Murray. "The business will prove for the L[ord] "M[arquis]," as he told Nicholas at his coming away. [*One page.*]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Proclamation concerning Gold-weights. To prevent frauds in the making of the counterpoises of gold money, all persons were forbidden to make or sell any such counterpoises. The King had taken

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the making of such counterpoises into his own hands, and from the 26th January next they would be made of a circular form, with certain marks whereby they might be known, and the care of making the same was committed to Sir Thomas Aylesbury. Chief officers in all towns were to provide the same weights at the hands of Sir Thomas, and all others were forbidden to be made or used. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 159. *Two pages.*]

Dec. 20. Westminster. 49. The King to the Lord Mayor of London for the time being, the Lord Treasurer, Lord Chamberlain, and others. Commission to view all such grounds, within two miles' compass of any part of the city of London, as used to have marks in them for archers to shoot at, and the same to reduce to such order and state for archers as they were in the beginning of the late King. [*Four pages.*]

Dec. 20. 50. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend William Swallow, late boatswain of the Esperance prize, given by his Majesty to Mr. Thomas Maie [May], as able to take charge of the pinnace Maria, void by the removal of Thomas Severn. [*One page.*]

Dec. 20. Cambridge. 51. Robert Mason to Nicholas. On reading Nicholas's letter wished himself beyond sea again, that he might make him some better return than he can from that still place, where there is no other discourse than of *genus* and *species*. His duty to the Duchess carried him by Bishop Stortford as he went to Cambridge, unto whom he had a letter and a message from Lord Holland, which concerned her father and herself. Was glad to hear from her that he had then done for her and her children as much as could be expected from him. Yet was sorry to see that necessity had enforced her to give good looks and language (for her father's sake) to a villain that had been guilty of her husband's death. Sir George Manners is beholden to the knave, for, if physic can hasten a man's end, Turner has taken pains to make him Earl of Rutland. [*One page.*]

Dec. 20. Bristol. 52. William Willett to the same. Thanks for sending him a copy of a petition against him by Thomas Robes. He tituleth Willett chief victualler for the Phœnix from 8th of February 1627 until Michaelmas 1629, and himself deputy purser. Acknowledges that Sir Allen Apsley, then Victualler for the Navy, requested him to expend some money towards victualling the ship, but he never had order to pay Robes. Will be in London in February next, and will attend to answer the petition. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 20. 53. Certificate by the Lords of the Admiralty and Officers of the Navy of sundry extraordinary charges in the Navy, very necessary to be paid in the year 1633. Total, 10,621*l.* 10*s.* [*Two pages and a quarter. Although dated* 20 *December* 1632, *this paper cannot have been signed until some time afterwards, for the Lord Treasurer signs "Portland," a title which was not granted to him until* 17 *February* 1633.]

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Dec. 20. 54. Note of Popish books, found by Francis Newton in the house of William Covett [Covert ?], in Church-yard Alley, in Fetter Lane, which books are challenged by James Barfoot, late servant to Lord Petre. [*They are ten in number: an Officium Beatæ Mariæ, Bede's history, a small book of the Sacraments, an old Bellarmine's Catechism, and so forth. One page. Indorsed as "Wainwright's "note." One page.*]

Dec. 21. Wallingford House. 55. Lord Treasurer Weston and Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to the Officers of the Customs at Sandwich and its members. The King having licensed the merchants of Belgie under the obedience of the King of Spain to transport beyond seas gold or silver, in money or otherwise, proceeding of their own merchandise, so as above 2,000*l.* be not exported in one ship, the persons addressed are to suffer these men to act upon this licence without impediment. [*Copy. One page. Indorsed by Nicholas as received in March* 1635.]

Dec. 21. Foscott. 56. Ed. Orange to his nephew Edward Nicholas. Particulars respecting Beckington, two miles north-east from Frome, a residence offered to Nicholas for purchase. Mr. Web, the owner of it, is described as an uncertain man. His purchase and mortgage of the manor of Tortworth, in Gloucestershire, induced him to desire to sell Beckington, but the mortgagee having taken Tortworth it is now said that Web will not sell Beckington. The situation of the latter is deemed unhealthy, part of the house standing upon the water. [*One page and a half.*]

Dec. 22. 57. Petition of John Ginne to the King. Has been pressed out of merchant ships to do his Majesty's service. Prays a purser's place in one of the ships building at Deptford or Woolwich. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 22. Notes by Sec. Windebank of proceedings of the Lords of the Admiralty this day. They relate to Nutt's Lieutenant and the petitions of Widow Newman and of Browne, the founder of iron cannon. [*See this present Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 7. *Eight lines.*]

Dec. 22. 58. John Nicholas to his son Edward Nicholas. Wishes him to let Mr. Herbert understand that Mr. Kent, "my Lord's steward of "his lands," died last night. Mr. Oldisworth will seek the place for Mr. Drewe, who will endeavour to bring in his eldest son. Mr. Drewe is an officer of the Earl of Hertford, whose lands lie intermixed with those of "my Lord." The writer wishes his cousin Parry had it, but he not being known to "my Lord," he wishes Mr. Herbert to solicit the office for the writer with liberty to employ Parry as his deputy. [*One page.*]

Dec. 22. 59. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be considered by the Lords of the Admiralty this day. The master of Nutt's, the pirate's, ship is now in the Victory, albeit his captain (as it is said) is hanged in Spain for piracy. Mrs. Newman's petition and reference from the

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King. No lieutenant appointed by the Lords in the Dreadnought, and captains begin to challenge the nomination and appointment of their own lieutenants, which, if it be given way to, will at length become to be no better than a dead pay. [*One page and a half.*]

Dec. 22. 60. Copy of the same. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Dec. 22. 61. Another similar paper, assigned by Nicholas in the indorsement to this date, but comprising besides various similar entries in preceding papers, which were determined by the Lords at previous meetings. This paper was probably a draft added to by Nicholas from time to time. [*Three pages*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. 62. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. Reference on a petition of Judith Newman, widow of Richard Newman, formerly clerk to the Commissioners of the Navy, to the King, praying for a grant of a pension of 2*s.* per day which had been certified as a reasonable allowance for her. The petition having been referred by the King to the Lords of the Admiralty, they direct the Officers of the Navy to inform them if there be any precedents of such allowances. [*See Vol.* cxciv., *No.* 56, *and Vol.* ccxviii., *No.* 50. *Quarter of a page.*] *Underwritten,*

62. I. *Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. The King granted* 3*s. per diem to Mrs. Man, widow of one of the Masters Attendant, cast away in the Speedwell, in* 1624. *Divers of the Revenge's men lost in fight with the Spaniard had pensions of* 8*d. a day granted by Queen Elizabeth. These were payable out of the Exchequer. The widow of Johnson, an engineer, who lost his life at Rhé, has a pension of* 100 *marks, payable out of the Ordnance. There are no precedents of pensions paid out of the Office of the Navy. This poor woman's husband did very good service, and they therefore recommend her lamentable case to consideration.* 1633, *Jan.* 23. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 22. Copies of the petition of Judith Newman above mentioned, of the King's reference thereon, 14 June 1632, and of the reference this day of the Lords of the Admiralty. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 8. *Half a page.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. To send one month's victuals aboard the Victory, the Bonaventure, the Dreadnought, and the St. Dennis. [*Ibid., fol.* 5. *Half a page. Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. The same to the same. Order of reference of petition of John Norris. If they find the petitioner was maimed in the late Queen's service, he is to be allowed a pension out of the chest. [*Ibid., fol.* 5 *a. Half a page. Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. The same to the same. To give warrant to the Treasurer of the Navy to pay Sir Francis Stewart for 39 days as Rear-Admiral of the Red Lion, for transporting the Queen from Boulogne, at the

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rate of 16*s.* 8*d.* per diem; and for 92 days as Admiral in the same ship, for clearing the west coast of pirates, at the rate of 40*s.* per diem; and as Captain in the same ship, which proved leaky, and consequently did not go the Cadiz voyage, so long as her cupplement were kept together. [*One page. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 5 *a. Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Thomas Aylesbury. Warrant to send to them the books and papers of his late office of Surveyor of the Navy. [*Half a page. Ibid., fol.* 6. *Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. The same to the Clerk of the Signet then attending. Warrant to prepare a bill for the King's signature for payment of 100*l.* to John Clifton, as reward for taking account of the remains on the return of the fleet from Cadiz. [*Quarter of a page. Ibid., fol.* 6. *Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. The same to all Sheriffs, Deputy Lieutenants, and other Officers of his Majesty. Warrant to discharge all persons employed in his Majesty's ships and yards from attendance at Assizes and Sessions, from service as constables and the like, also from watching and warding and all personal attendance elsewhere. [*One page. Ibid., fol.* 6 *a. Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. The same to the Officers of the Navy. To compare the charges of building the two new ships at Deptford and Woolwich, with those of two others of like burthen built in the time of the late Commissioners of the Navy, and to certify thereon. [*Third of a page. Ibid., fol.* 7. *Copy. Nicholas has written in the margin,* "*These ships* "*were named, the one the Charles, the other the Maria.*"]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. The same to the same. To enter William Swallow, late boatswain of the Esperance prize, boatswain of the pinnace the Maria, in place of Thomas Severn, now boatswain of the Third Lion's Whelp. [*Third of a page. Ibid., fol.* 7. *Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. The same to the same. To enter Thomas Wilkinson, cook of the Assurance, in place of Ambrose Groome, who has surrendered the same. [*Third of a page. Ibid., fol.* 7. *Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on the petition of William Jones. Jones having shipped aboard the Thomas Bonaventure goods of Paul Wilson to be delivered in Barbadoes was enforced, being chased by men-of-war, to deliver the same at St. Christopher's, for which Wilson commenced a suit against him at the common law. Ordered that the parties forbear to proceed in the suit until the Lords have conferred with the Judges thereon as to the jurisdiction of the Admiralty. [*Half a page. Ibid., fol.* 7 *a. Copy.*]

Dec. 12. Wallingford House. Order of the same on the petition of Andrew Prudeham. Petitioner being Master Carpenter of the St. Dennis procured George Parker to be his deputy for one voyage. After that voyage petitioner had again his place, but by great friends, Parker has since debarred him from executing the same. Referred to the Officers of the Navy to consider and certify. [*Half a page. Ibid., fol.* 7 *a. Copy.*]

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Dec. 22. Wallingford House. Order of Lords of the Admiralty on petition of John Browne, founder of iron ordnance. Reference to Officers of the Navy. (*See Vol.* ccxxv., *No.* 60. 1.) [*Quarter of a page. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 8. *Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Wallingford House. Order of the same on the petition of Alice Bamford. Her husband James Bamford was Captain of the Fourth Whelp, and there was due to him for pay 46*l.* 4*s.* Being sent for by warrant 26*l.* 1*s.* was defalked for messengers fees and charges. Prays payment of the residue 20*l.* 3*s.* Reference to the Officers of the Navy to certify. [*Quarter of a page. Ibid., fol.* 8. *Copy.*]

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To recommend a lieutenant for the Dreadnought, Captain Sydenham, and that no man be henceforth allowed pay of lieutenant that has not been placed therein by warrant from the Lords. [*Half a page. Ibid., fol.* 8 *a. Copy.*]

Dec. 22. 63. Depositions of Leonard Dirrickson, Hugh Johnson, Evert Evertson, and Jurian Henrickson, Dutchmen. Their ship, the Wild Fortune, of Scheidam, was taken by Dunkirkers, near Lyme, on the 8th inst., but deponents escaped in their boat into Lyme. They rowed to Weymouth, and intended to have rowed to the Isle of Wight, but out of Weymouth they were pursued by a ship bearing English colours, to escape from which they ran their boat ashore, and the same was captured with its contents by the ship, which is said to be of London. [*Copies. Eight pages and a half.*]

Dec. 22. 64. Account of monies disbursed by Sir Francis Stewart, employed by his late Majesty for conveyance of jewels into Spain, for the use of his present Majesty, being then prince. Total, 853*l.* 10*s.*, of which 653*l.* 10*s.* remains unpaid. The account includes the expense of a land journey from Santander to Madrid, and various payments, whilst the St. George and the Antelope lay at Santander, ready to bring home the Prince. [*Three pages.*]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. 65. The King to the Council of Scotland. Having considered how short a time was appointed to them of Hamburgh, for doing justice in the cause concerning the late Captain Robertson and his partners, and the willingness of that state to do the same with diligence, as the King has understood by a Commissioner sent by them expressly for that purpose, it is the King's pleasure, that the persons addressed cause some understanding person to be sent thither with a procuratory to pursue the parties there, and that in the mean time, they deliver up the ships and goods taken from them. The letters of reprisal are also to be suspended. [*Attested copy. One page.*]

Dec. 23. 66. Another copy of the same, but dated the 21st December instant. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 23. [Winchester.] 67. John Windebank to his father Sec. Windebank. School letter on the approach of the New Year. Latin. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Dec. 23. [Winchester.] 68. John Windebank to Bishop Laud. Similar letter to the preceding. Latin. [*One page.*]

Dec. 24. Northampton. 69. Henry Alleyn to Sec. Coke, at his house on Garlick Hill. Offers considerations why a demurrer should not be admitted on the part of the Bishop of Lincoln. 1. The Bill was preferred ex parte Domini Regis. 2. If a demurrer be allowed, then it should rather be on Alleyn's part than on that of the Bishop. He was adjudged to answer *explicite*. The writer's answers are referred to one of the Judges of the Northampton circuit who refuse to lodge at the house where always hitherto they have done at the Assizes for Northampton, only because the writer has taken that house. Prays him to consider whether they be indifferent judges in the writer's case. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 25. The Victory, in the Downs. 70. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Sec. Coke. Has left the St. Dennis in the Downs, to attend their further orders as to the port to which she shall bring the provisions, and with the other three ships will put into Margate Road and expect the coming of the Lord Ambassadors. Beseeches them that order may be given to the Masters of the Trinity House to send down pilots, and if they would spare the ketch she would be of much service for soundings. [*One page.*]

Dec. 26. Westminster. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. To cause a ketch to be forthwith taken up and brought to Tower Wharf to take aboard such provisions as Mr. Kinnersley, one of the Officers of the Wardrobe, shall direct, and to transport the same as he shall give order. [*Third of a page. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 8 *a. Copy.*]

Dec. 26. Magdalen College, Oxford. 71. Henry Hammond to Sec. Windebank. On the return of Windebank's son he will be able to inform himself what course will be fittest for him thereafter. Complains of his old habits of idleness, not debauchedness or ill employment, but doing nothing, and seeking excuses for it. Advises the Sec. to place him under Mr. Farnaby, to make trial whether he may become a scholar. If learning is not for his turn, beseeches the Sec. to hope comfortably of him as fit for some other employment. [*One page.*]

Dec. 27. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. They are instantly to take order that there be very able pilots sent down by the Trinity House to the Victory, the Bonaventure, and the Dreadnought, in Margate Road, to pilot them to the Brill and Goree in the Low Countries. [*Copy. Third of a page. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 8*a.*]

Dec. 27. 72. Certificate of John Reynolds, Master Gunner of England, of the competency of Thomas Gardner to serve for gunner in any of his Highness's ships. Had been Deputy Gunner in the Lion, and since had served by land in Germany with the Marquis of Hamilton. [*One page.*]

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Dec. 28. Gravesend. 73. John Griffith to Nicholas. Sends a letter to the Lords, to be presented if he likes it. If he likes it not, when the writer returns from the Low Countries, he will alter it. [*One page.*]

Dec. 29. The King to Nicholas Rainton, the Lord Mayor, and the Commonalty and Citizens of London, and others. That they make no assurance of the manor of Aylsham, co. Norfolk, to Thomas Leman, John Some, and Robert Pratt, or any other, for the use of the copyholders thereof, but to Sir John Hobart the present tenant, he giving a better price than is offered by them. His Majesty dislikes the dismembering of copyhold manors, as of ill consequence to government. [*Docquet.*]

Dec. 29. 74. Peter Pett and others, Members of the Trinity House and Master Shipwrights, to the Officers of the Navy. Report on survey and measurement of the new ships at Deptford and Woolwich. Their exact dimensions are given, and the work is favourably reported of. They conceive the ships will prove very serviceable. [*Copy. Two pages.*]

Dec. 30. The Victory. 75. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty. Yesterday about noon the Earl of Arundel arrived at Margate, but the tide of flood being spent they could neither ship his Lordship nor his provisions till this morning. Now having a fair wind they hope to make a short passage to the Brill. The want of pilots has put them to some trouble, but they have supplied themselves there. The St. Dennis is left in the Downs, by which he desires that he may receive a supply of victuals. They go over only with a month's provision, which is a very small proportion if his Lordship make any long stay. [*One page.*]

Dec. 31. 76. John Nicholas to his son Edward Nicholas. Received his letter as he was taking horse for Drayton to see Edward's sister's lease sealed. Hopes to settle all her business. Thanks for his care in soliciting Mr. Herbert. Has written him three words which he prays Edward to deliver. His cousin Bowles and himself shall sort well he doubts not. Sent Nicholas's letter and dog to his brother. Cannot write more for fear of being benighted this dark night. [*One page.*]

Dec. 31. 77. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Middlesex of the number of alehouses within the division of Finsbury. In 1630 there were 306 alehouses in that division, of which 188 were then suppressed. The number of 118 then remaining has now been increased to 167. [*One page.*]

[Dec. 31 ?] 78. Certificate of the same Justices of the Peace of sums received within the same division during the years 1630, 1631, and 1632, from penalties levied upon alehouse-keepers who sold drink without licence, or by defective measures, with the application thereof in putting forth apprentices, or otherwise in relief of the poor. The whole sum received amounted to 530*l.* [*Three pages and a half.*]

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Dec. 79. Petition of James Acheson to the King. The late Earl of Orkney, at the time of his death, was indebted to petitioner 4,121*l.* for apparel, and lent moneys in his greatest wants in prison to the very hour of his death, for which petitioner has ever since paid interest amounting to 1,200*l.* sterling, as the late King acknowledged by letters to the Council of Scotland, directing them to grant petitioner the "booking of horse, oxen, and ky," sold in fairs, but the grant was stopped by the opposition of the magistrates of Edinburgh. Prays in lieu thereof a grant of lands of recusants, who remain outlawed upon indictment. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[Dec. ?] 80. Petition of Samson Bates, Enoch Lynde, Jeremyn Marsham, Job Allibond, Abraham I'ansolt, and Samuel Allibond, ordinary posts for the Low Countries and other parts, to Sec. Coke. The Council having prayed him to settle reglements and orders for the posts for foreign service, the petitioners, who paid great sums for their places, and of late have been much wronged, pray to be heard before the settling of the said orders. [*Half a page.*]

Dec. 81. William Cooke to Nicholas. According to their Lordships' warrant, he is in the Victory with Capt. Plumleigh. If that ship be called in shortly, hopes to have his turn in the Henrietta. Mr. Austen has had her for 18 months. Recommends his son, Richard Cooke, to be boatswain in some ship that may fall. The Officers of the Navy promised him a certificate. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Dec. 82. Report of Attorney General Noy on the petition of Sir Thomas Gower, complaining of having been arrested in London under a commission of rebellion issued by the President and Council of the North, and which petition was referred to the Attorney General on 23 November last; (*see Vol.* ccxxv., *Nos.* 58 *and* 59.) He states what articles of the instructions of the President and Council of the North were relied upon by Mr. Ratcliffe, the King's Attorney of the Court of the North, as authorizing the arrest complained of. The Attorney General submitted these articles to the judgment of the Council. [*Copy. Unsigned. One page.*]

Dec. 83. Another copy with copy of signature attached. [*Three pages and a half.*]

Dec. 84. Another copy. [*Two pages, with a copy prefixed of the order of reference of* 23 *November* 1632. *One page.*]

Dec. 85. Statement of Ann Viscountess Dorchester, in reply to the previous account given by Nicolls respecting certain manuscripts of Sec. Dorchester said to be missing (*see Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 44.) Lady Dorchester writes intemperately both of Nicolls and of Sir Dudley Carleton. She imputes to the former that he had improperly obtained a catalogue of the Sec.'s books and manuscripts, and to the latter a desire to ruin her and bring her into the King's displeasure. The letters of the Queen of Bohemia to the late Sec. were all burnt. Those of Lord Bristol to the King (for some of which Sir Dudley

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Carleton said he would give 2,000*l.*), were all delivered up to Mr. Weckherlin for the King. On the death of the Sec. the Viscountess supposed that all the books were her own. She paid little attention to the papers in the study, but when the King sent she gave leave for the study to be searched and its contents to be sealed and since to be taken away. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

Dec. 86. A particular of the yearly revenues of the freehold lands of Henry Fryer, deceased, with another particular of how the same lands are charged by his will. The lands consisted of thirty-six freehold houses and a garden in Little Britain, let to tenants at rents running from 3*l.* to 20*l.* per annum; four houses in Aldersgate Street, one let to Sir Basil Dixwell, at 40*l.* per annum; a house in Cripplegate, let to Thomas Bennett, at 40*l.* per annum; a farm at Harleton, co. Cambridge, let at 132*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* per annum; the total being 545*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* per annum. [*Two pages.*] *Annexed,*

86. 1. *Will of Henry Fryer, stated to be made the* 27*th May, but sealed and executed the* 28*th May,* 1631. *Minute directions as to his interment, which was to be in Harlen* [*Harleton*] *church, "in the Lordship seat," not in the chancel where his father was buried. A monument to be erected, with certain stated particulars. His estates were given to Andrew Burton, his chamber-fellow in Gray's Inn, dwelling at Oakham, co. Rutland, Richard Hulett, of the Prerogative Office, John Burton, Citizen and Tallow Chandler, and Felix Wilson, of Colnbrook, co. Middlesex, upon trusts. Mention is made of testator's wife, his brother Thomas, his sister Frances, his nephew and niece William and Mary Wollascott, his sister Peacock and her son, his cousin Matthews and his wife, his cousin Vaughan and his wife, Augustin Burton, his brother-in-law, Smith, of York, Robert Ladyman, Anthony Williams, Mr. Windover, Mr. Lyon, Paul Chapman, Mr. Pickering, George Hawfin, Mr. Fothergill, Mr. Hide, the glazier, and his wife, with legacies to servants and several others, and to the parishes of Chiswick, St. Botolph Without Aldersgate, (in the former of which testator had a residence, and in the latter he was born,) and Harleton. His cousin, Mr. Justice Harvey, and Stephen Harvey, his brother, were appointed overseers, with a legacy to the former of* 40 *marks, and to the latter of* 20 *marks.* [*Copy. Eight pages.*]

[Dec. ?] 87. Notes respecting John Haukshee, Father Valentine, Thomas Leake, and Father Muskett, priests, who after having been committed to various prisons were permitted to be abroad. The first and second of them had been re-apprehended; the third had threatened a messenger to lay a heavy burden upon him if he meddled with him, the fourth was remaining in Count Arundel's house. [*One page.*]

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1. "The state of his Majesty's stores in the office of the "Ordnance, of all magazine and sundry other natures of muni- "tion, as the same were found at the general remain taken by "his Majesty's Commissioners, begun the 6th day of March 1619, "and ended the 13th day of May 1620. Together with a yearly "collection and balance of all receipts, returns, and issues of the "same, and divers other natures of munitions, since that time until "the last day of December 1632, being almost thirteen years." Signed by the Officers of Ordnance. [*Fifty-six pages.*]

2. The state of the Ordnance stores at the taking of the general remain, as contained in the preceding article, with "an "abstract and balance of all receipts, returns, and issues of the "same natures of munition since that time up to the last of "December 1632." Signed as the preceding. [*Five pages.*]

Vol. CCXXVIII. 20 November 1632—24 March 1634.

Volume of Entries of Minutes of Proceedings of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, under a renewed Commission, dated the 20th November 1632. The entries in this volume are all calendared in their proper chronological order. [*One hundred and eighty-three folios.*]

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[1632?] Grant of Denization to Peter Matthieu. [*Coll. Sign Man., Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 97.]

1. Petition of Ezekiel Marmet, Minister of the Word of God, to the King. On his return from the Isle of Rhé, whither he went on the command of the late Duke of Buckingham, the King granted him 100*l.* per annum for his support. But finding difficulty in obtaining payment, he petitioned the King two years ago, and was answered favourably. By the decease of Viscount Dorchester, he is obliged to apply again to the King. Prays that his Majesty would signify his will to the Archbishop of Canterbury, or some other person to whom it may seem fit, to carry his intention into effect. Fr. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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2. Petition of Henry Gibb to the King. By favour of his Majesty's father, petitioner made purchase of certain lands in the bishopric of Durham, which for many years he quietly enjoyed, till of late Sir Arthur Mainwaring and Mr. Pitcairn have sought to entitle his Majesty to a parcel thereof called "Jarrow Sleck," and are about to obtain a grant thereof for themselves. Prays that now, in his latter days, he may peaceably enjoy the estate, which he obtained from the royal bounty. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

3. Petition of Sir William Persall to the same. Petitioner being a younger brother, and seised of no estate during his father's life, was lately prosecuted by indictment of recusancy, by one Farrington, an informer. Prays his Majesty to sign the annexed declaration, and after his father's decease he will submit to composition. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

3. 1. *Memorandum that petitioner having married a kinswoman of the late Countess of Buckingham, was knighted by her procurement to give her kinswoman the honour. An informer supposes him to be seised of an estate in respect of his title, but he is seised of nothing during his father's life, after whose decease he will make composition.* [*Half a page.*]

4. Petition of Richard Conquest to the same. Is charged with many debts for his father and himself, and has many young children. Cannot sell or mortgage his land, because no good assurance can be made in case he should be convicted of recusancy. Prays stay of all proceedings against him, upon any of the penal laws made concerning recusants. [*Half a page. Indorsed,* "*Con-*" *quest recusant. Duchess Buckingham.*"]

5. Petition of William Viscount Grandison to the same. The manor of Caldicot, Newton and Magor, in co. Monmouth, is in lease for two lives at the yearly rent of 52*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*; prays a grant of the same in fee-farm, with a tenure in socage. [*One page.*]

6. Petition of Endymion Porter, one of the Grooms of the Bedchamber, to the same. There is a patent granted for making and registering policies of assurance, with a charge of 12*d.* for making the policy, and 2*s.* for registering every 100*l.*; but contrary to their grant, the patentees have exacted from the subject treble what is allowed. Prays for a grant of all such overplus as has been unlawfully taken. [*One page.*]

7. Petition of Sir Ross Cary, Captain, Peter How, Lieutenant-Colonel, and Captain John Powell, to the same. To serve in the expeditions to Cadiz, Rhé, and Rochelle, they relinquished other fortunes. Received many wounds, and have much arrears due to them. Pray a grant of 12*d.* out of every ton of beer transported into foreign parts for 21 years. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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8. Petition of Captain Degory Priske to the King. Ships of aliens come into the King's dominions with no more victuals than will bring them over, and thus obtain large quantities of victuals here, which causes great dearth in times of necessity. Prays a lease for 41 years that none embark any victuals without authority and the same being entered in a custom book, they paying 2*s.* out of every pound bestowed in victuals, for which petitioner will pay to the Exchequer 50*l.* per annum. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

9. Petition of John Chandler to the same. By a former petition petitioner prayed the King to confirm to him his grant of the office of Consul General in Portugal, which had passed the Signet and Privy Seal, but was stayed at the Great Seal, since which time the King signified to Sec. Windebank that the petition should be referred to some of the Council. In the interim, John Howe had procured the like grant, which was also stayed at the Great Seal. Prays order to the Lord Keeper to pass petitioner's patent. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

9. I. *Certificate of Robert Draper and* 22 *other merchants trading to Spain and Portugal, of the fitness of John Chandler to be Consul General in Portugal.* [*One page.*]

10. Petition of Adrian Scrope and Thomas Webb to the same. By the 9th article of the Treaty of Peace made between the King and Spain in 1630, merchandises of the King's dominions shipped into the dominions of Spain should be registered and certified, and, by the 11th article, the King's subjects should send back certificate of all goods transported out of the King of Spain's dominions. Petitioners pray to be appointed officers to certify all goods exported and imported to and from Spain, with a fee of four marks per annum, and one penny for sealing every broad cloth. [*One page.*]

11. Another petition of the same to the same, differing very slightly from the preceding. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

12. Petition of John Calveley, his Majesty's ward, to the same. John Calveley now deceased, having no heir, conveyed his lands to Edward Calveley, petitioner's father. On the death of the same John Calveley, by the prosecution of Sir Kenelm Digby, and in the absence of Edward Calveley, an inquisition was held, on which it was found that part of the said land had escheated, after which Sir Kenelm obtained a grant of the same (*Vol.* cxci., *No.* 14.) Petitioner's father having died, and his Majesty been found entitled to the wardship of petitioner, he prays that he may have a trial with Sir Kenelm in the Court of Wards, and that all Sir Kenelm's other proceedings may be stayed. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

13. Petition of Edmund Nicholson, farmer of the pretermitted customs at Hull, to the same. In 1611 he obtained a lease of those customs for 31 years, at 10,000*l.* per annum, which being too great

[1632 ?] for a subject, his late Majesty took it to himself, allotting to petitioner 1,000*l.* for 21 years, with the collections. The lease he had, but Sir Lionel Cranfield, then being potent, diverted the collections, and procured double fee for the same, whereby petitioner and the King lost, each of them, 10,000*l.* Sets forth the great sums his labours have brought to the Crown, and prays a reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington, to allot him such satisfaction as they should think meet. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

14. Petition of Giles Rawlings, the King's servant, to the King. Prays the King to confer upon him the reversion of the Exigenter's place of London, after the decease of Richard Page. [*Quarter of a page.*]

15. Petition of William Earl of Exeter to the same. Petitioner is seised in his demesne as of fee of the advowson of St. Clement Danes, co. Middlesex, and Dr. Bates, the last incumbent, is lately deceased. For prevention of all controversies prays the King to confer upon him all his Majesty's right and title to the said presentation. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

16. Sir Robert Le Grys, Captain of St. Mawes Castle, to the same. Answer to articles preferred against him by Hannibal Bonithon. Acknowledges that he had bought out of foreign ships several small quantities of wine for his own use, as all captains of forts or ships think it free for them to do, and certain timber for use in the castle, without paying custom; also made use of a piece of his Majesty's timber for posts for two field beds, and the end of a block for a mortar to beat barley for his broth; more than this he never stirred chip of the store. Confesses also that he had shot at some few ships which did not come to the castle to give account of themselves. He held it his duty to take account whether they were merchants or pirates, Christians or Turks. Had spent therein only 80 lbs. of powder in six months. [*One page.*]

17. Petition of Paul Micklethwaite, D.D., Master of the Temple, and one of his Majesty's Chaplains in Ordinary, to the same. His Majesty had directed his mandatory letters to both the Houses of the Temple, to observe the order of the Lords Referees, and to pay petitioner all arrearages detained upon occasion of the differences. That order not having been observed in various stated particulars, he prays a rehearing, either before his Majesty or the former Lords Referees. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

18. Petition of Robert Earl of Lindsey and Montagu Lord Willoughby, his son, to the King. Have heretofore desired his Majesty's aid in restoring them to their ancient liberties of Wildmore Fen. An answer to their claim has been offered to his Majesty, with which petitioners cannot sit down. Pray his Majesty to hear the cause debated in his presence or to refer the same to such persons as he should appoint. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed.*

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18. I. *Petition of Robert Earl of Lindsey and Montagu Lord Willoughby, his son, to the King. Their ancestor, Sir Anthony Beke, granted to the Abbot of Kirkstead the soil whereon the Abbey was built, and seven score acres of ground, for which the Abbot granted to Sir Anthony free common throughout Wildmore Fen for his tenants of Fishtoft manor. The Earl of Stamford being upon improvement of the Fen desired consent of petitioners, and agreed to give them a third share of what he should gain by the work, whereupon petitioners gave him real assistance. His Majesty having since become entitled to the Fen, his Commissioners had improved* 4,500 *acres, and taken in that part of the soil which had been enjoyed by petitioners and their ancestors. Pray restoration of their ancient liberties, or a proportion of the improved part of the Fen.* [*One page.*]

18. II. *Answer to the preceding petition. The sheepwalk to which the petitioners pretend is not included in the improvement. Beke Cross is left out, and* 5,000 *acres more, a sufficient proportion for all rightful commoners. The Fen improved was* 4,000 *acres, not* 4,500. *If such claims as this were given way to, the King must never make any improvement of Forests or Fens.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

19. Petition [of Edward Nicholas] to the King. Yearly in every ward in the City of London presentments are made by a sworn jury, called the quest-men, of such persons as use false weights, or have inmates, or build houses contrary to the proclamation, but no punishment or reformation ensues thereon. Prays a grant of all penalties due to his Majesty for offences so presented since the beginning of his reign, paying his Majesty a third part. [*Minute in the handwriting of Nicholas. One page and a quarter.*]

20. Minute of suit from the Marquis of Winchester to the same. The Marquis having been convicted in the 2nd year of the King's reign of one month's absence from church, but no judgment entered thereon nor the record certified into the Exchequer, he prayed order for taking the conviction off the file, which the King granted and gave order to Lord Holland to signify the same to Sec. Windebank. [*One page.*]

21. Petition of William Wise to the same. Has been sentenced in the Star Chamber, at the suit of Francis Wrenham, in 500*l.* fine to his Majesty, and to be disabled in the course of his profession of the law. Prays that his sentence may be remitted, except the fine. [*Half a page.*]

22. Petition of the tradesmen and artificers belonging to the Great Wardrobe to the same. His Majesty established orders for rectifying the service of the Great Wardrobe, since which time, in confidence of current payment, wares have been delivered for the

[1632 ?] special service of his Majesty, the Queen, and Prince; which in 18 months to last Michaelmas amounted to 20,000*l.* and upwards, over and above the customary yearly allowance. The prices being very low rated, petitioners are like to be ruined with the forbearance of these and other large sums previously owing to them. Pray payment. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

23. Petition of John Hutchins, his Majesty's servant, and William Langley to the King. The King gave Hutchins a grant of all roots and stumps of trees within any of the King's lands in England and Wales for 21 years after the expiration of any grant in being. It is conceived that the grant to Langley will not extend to the Forest of Dean, in respect that it was at the time of the grant in mortgage to the City of London. Pray for a grant of the stumps in the Forest of Dean upon such conditions as the Lord Treasurer shall think fit. [*Half a page.*]

24. Petition of English merchants who trade to Spain to the same. Care was taken by his Majesty's Commissioners in the late treaty of peace with Spain, that commerce should be free for the King's subjects in the King of Spain's dominions. Petitioners set forth a variety of cases of exaction and interference contrary to the agreed freedom of traffic. They complain that the Government takes all goods belonging to any person dying in Spain, and that Jeffrey Harrison and Peter Edmonds, who lately died there, were not suffered to have Christian burial; but the one was cast into the fields, the other into the sea, and all their goods were seised. They state also many facts at variance with the stipulation that merchants should enjoy all the privileges they had in Spain before the breach of the peace. Pray relief. [*Six pages and a half.*]

25. Petition of the Company of Eastland Merchants to the same. The late wars between Poland and Sweden exceedingly disturbed the course of trade. In the time of war the Danskers procured an Act of Parliament in Poland that no foreign cloth should be vended in that kingdom unless first sealed at Dantzic. In spite of endeavours of the King and his agent, Francis Gordon, that seal still continues, but the King of Poland promises the Company that they shall have profitable privileges if they will settle a residence at Dantzic. Petitioners intend to send over a Commissioner to arrange these affairs, but intreat his Majesty's allowance, with directions to Mr. Gordon to assist their Commissioner. [*One page.*]

26. Statement addressed to [Sec. Coke] of the grievances complained of by the Eastland Company as affecting them in Prussia and Poland. They are, 1. The seal of Dantzic, above mentioned; 2. Increase of customs; 3. False packing of potashes and hemp. [*Half a page.*]

27. Petition of Jane Lady Leviston, widow of Sir John Leviston, Groom of the Bedchamber to King James, to the King. She has

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the keeping of Higham Ferrers Park for 21 years, which her late husband intended to purchase, but he has left her in debt 2,000*l.*, and much of their former revenues is extinguished by his death. The park will cost his Majesty 800*l.* for a pale, in regard whereof and of Sir John's 33 years' service to the late King, she prays the King to bestow the same upon her son at double the present rent. [*One page.*]

28. Petition of the Silk Dyers of London to the King. For divers years past many troubles have arisen about the silk trade, whereupon letters patents were granted of incorporation of the Silkmen of London. But that corporation cannot search into the abuses of dyeing so well as silk dyers bred up to the trade; wherefore they pray for a separate incorporation of silk dyers with certain stated powers. [*One page.*]

29. Petition of Sir James Scott to the same. Petitioner left his place of lieutenant-colonel of a regiment in the Low Countries, by which he had at least 600*l.* per annum, and served in all his Majesty's expeditions abroad. At his going to Rochelle the King promised him the nomination of two Irish Viscounts, but on his return his Majesty was not pleased to allow of those honours, but promised petitioner instead 20*s.* per diem. Sec. Dorchester dying before this was carried out, petitioner prays that as Sir Francis Willoughby and Sir Thomas Morton have had an allowance of 13*s.* 4*d.* per diem, the Lord Treasurer may have order to account with petitioner. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

30. Petition of Thomas Smyth, Receiver General of the Duchy of Cornwall, to the same. By Act of Parliament ballast for ships was to be taken out of the Thames, between Greenhithe and Richmond, as the Lord Keeper and others should think fit. The sole using of an engine called the Water Plough, invented by Capt. Gilbert, for taking away the shelves in the river, and thereby providing ballast, was granted to Gilbert and one Freese, but although petitioner had expended much money thereon, as yet they could do nothing by reason of opposition. Sixpence per ton for ballast for colliers, and twelvepence for all others, have been usually given. Prays that the Lords mentioned in the statute, with Lord Cottington, may be appointed Commissioners for settling that the petitioner may have the said sums for his ballast, to be provided at a certain place, paying thereout to the King 1,000 marks per annum. [*One page.*]

31. Petition of Mary Blithman to the Queen. Being a poor widow with seven children, and having one of them, named James Blithman, whom she desires to make a scholar, she prays her Majesty's recommendation to the Governors of the Charterhouse for his admittance at the next election. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

32. Petition of Sir William Selby, of Ightham, co. Kent, to the Council, in reply to certain accusations preferred against him to that

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body by William James. The accusations relate to alleged favouring of recusants in the recent levy of the fifth subsidy, and various acts of unfriendliness to the church and oppression to the poor, principally in abuse of his office as a Justice of Peace. In his answer he sets forth that although he signed the books for the subsidy, he did so *pro formâ*, on the application of Sir John Howell, his fellow Commissioner, by whom they were made up, Sir William being at the time sick of the gout. He shows that being 79 years of age, and very infirm, he is unable to attend the church, which is the principal ground alleged of his unfriendliness thereto. He explains the cause of certain law suits between himself and James and John Grimes, the minister of the Church, and denying all oppression and injustice, alleges that he had been extremely charitable to the poor. [*Four pages and three quarters.*] *Annexed,*

32. 1. *Petition of William James to the Council, wherein he sets forth the charges against Sir William Selby, which are above replied to.* [*Copy. One page and a half.*]

33. Answer and petition of George Bedford, searcher of madder, to the Council, in reply to petitions of the Merchants Strangers and of Henry Andrews, Richard Clutterbuck, and Edward Williams, merchants of London. Sets forth the nature of his office and its necessity, arising out of a fraudulent admixture of sand with the madder as imported. [*One page.*]

34. Henry Andrews, Edward Williams, Thomas Newman, and Richard Clutterbuck, Merchant Adventurers, to the same. Reply to the preceding allegations of George Bedford, touching his office of searching and sealing of madder. It is as impossible to find madder without sand as wines without lees. The dyers that use the madder have means enough to make themselves amends upon such as sell it to them without this officer's help. [*One page and a half.*]

35. Petition of Elizabeth Pinfold, prisoner in Bridewell, to the same. Petitioner has lain in that miserable prison since the 16th March last, being committed for troubling the Lords with former petitions. Craves pardon, the extremity of her misery being so great that a happy death is waited for to end her miserable life rather than be put in the common gaol of Bridewell, which it is intended she shall be. Prays urgently for enlargement. [*One page.*]

36. Petition of John Seaman and Thomas Hoarth, of Yarmouth, merchants, to the same. Their ship, the Gift, of Yarmouth, being at Vienna [Viana], in Portugal, and the goods therein sold by William Cady, their factor, one Regenmorter, a Dutchman, borrowed out of the produce thereof 40*l.* to load a ship at Viana for Abraham Regenmorter, dwelling at Yarmouth. The Gift, on her return from Viana, was captured by a Turkish man of war, and carried to Algiers, whereupon the Regenmorters concealed the loan of 40*l.*, but petitioners have of late been informed thereof by their factor from

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Algiers. Pray order to Abraham Regenmorter to pay the same with exchange and interest for near three years. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

37. Petition of Dierick Gerrard, of London, merchant, to the Council. In time of want petitioner imported great quantities of grain from Holland. Holland and Zealand are now in great want by reason of the wars. Prays licence to export 500 lasts of corn bought under the statute price in England. [*Half a page.*]

38. Petition of William Halsnode, John Halsnode, Wm. Chambers, and Andrew Gosfrith, of Sandwich, to the same. Formerly when the prices of corn were at a low rate, carried over wheat and malt into Holland, and returned butter, cheese, salt, hops, onions, and other provisions which this country wants. Pray leave to export 1,500 quarters of wheat and 1,000 of malt, the markets being so overlaid that money cannot be found to buy corn. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

38. I. *Certificate of John Philipot, Somerset Herald and Bailiff of Sandwich, in support of the above petition, there being so great plenty of corn that the market cannot utter it at* 21*s. per quarter.* [*One page.*]

39. Petition of Elias and Mehemet Basa, Persians, to the same. Petitioners made known their great desire to become Christians to the Lord Treasurer, who referred them to the Bishop of London. His advice was that they should seek to get into some nobleman's service, till they better understood the English tongue, and considered farther what they went about. Pray order for relief till they shall be fit to receive the baptismal sacrament. [*One page.*]

40. Petition of Nicholas Jacobs and William Cole, of London, merchants to the same. In consideration that at present corn is at a reasonable rate, especially buckwheat, whereof there is very small use made in England for the food of men, there being such plenty of wheat and rye, and that the same is much used in some parts beyond the seas; pray warrant for transporting 150 lasts of buckwheat and 50 lasts of rye, to be shipped about Harwich and Ipswich. [*One page.*]

41. Petition of Edward Nuttall, customer of Ipswich and Colchester, now prisoner in the Fleet, to the same. Upon complaint that he had suffered oysters to be transported by Flemings, he had been sent for and committed. Shows that he has by himself and his under officers used all his care to hinder Flemings from carrying away oysters, and prays pardon and enlargement. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

42. Petition of William Lithgow, traveller, to the same. Had had no satisfaction for his grievous torments sustained in Malaga, and having in the description of his foreign travels succinctly

[1632 ?] avouched the woeful memory of such disastrous accidents, had been this long time committed close prisoner to the Gatehouse, where he had contracted great sickness to the danger of his life. The printer, in whom only the reprehension was, is long ago "decarcerat," but he is retained in severe punishment. Humbly craves mercy and pardon, and either absolute enlargement or release from close imprisonment. Protests never to meddle any more with the Spaniard, however his lamentable wrongs remain unrepaired. [*One page.*]

43. Duplicate of the preceding. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

44. Petition of Inhabitants of the East and North Ridings of co. York to the Council. The towns of Clifton, Heworth, Osberwick, Heslington, Fulford, and others, have always paid all manner of rates with the East and North Ridings. Of late the citizens of York, upon some pretences unknown to petitioners, have got the said towns annexed to their liberties, whereby the East and North Ridings are overburdened, and the proportions of the whole country disordered. Pray that if those towns pay their rates with York, the rates which before they paid with the country may now be laid upon York. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

45. Petition of Sir John Baker, Sir Thomas Style, Sir Edward Scott, Augustine Skynner, John Kenward, Roger Coveney, Robert Hodges, and John Goulding, to the same. By order of Council of 12 June 1629, petitioners were to have recompence for damages to be sustained by obeying the decree of the Commissioners of Sewers concerning the making the river Medway navigable, certain proceedings at the common law on both sides being thereupon stayed. Petitioners have obeyed the said order to their very great damage, and now the Commissioners have resumed their suits under a decree made before the 12 June 1629. Pray that such proceedings may be stayed, and petitioners have satisfaction. [*One page.*]

46. Duplicate of the preceding. [*One page.*]

47. Petition of Alderman Richard Fenn, Henry Andrewes, Hugh Perry, Isaac Jones, Thomas Lawley, James Fenn, Robert Fenn, Warwick Fownes, and others, traders to the Archduchess's dominions, to the same. Petitioners, with others, about December last, petitioned their Lordships, showing that in the last wars with Spain the Archduchess raised the tolls on English cloths from 5 or 6 guilders on a cloth, to 8, 10, 12, and now to 24 guilders, whereupon their Lordships prohibited all trade to Flanders, which still remains shut. In regard of the long stop of a whole year's cloth on their hands for Holland, and now about seven or eight months' stop for Flanders, and others carrying out cloths privately, they pray for speedy directions to open the trade. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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48. Petition of Henry Wawpoole [Walpole], of Skillington, in co. Lincoln, to the Council. Was summoned several times before the Commissioners for compounding for not taking Knighthood at the coronation, and was at first let off unfined, but ultimately in his absence was fined 30*l.*, which is near ten times his ability. His land cannot any way be estimated at 40*l.* per annum, he has six children, and is much indebted. Conceives that he has hard measure, and prays for favour and compassion. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

49. Petition of Capt. James Duppa, Nathaniel Wright, George Rookes, Augustine Phillips, and others, owners of the James, of London, to the same. By the treaty between Sir Isaac Wake, and others appointed by the French King, it was agreed that the said ship, with all her provisions as she came in at Dieppe, should be delivered to petitioners, and satisfaction be given for what was wanting. The ship is utterly spoiled, so that although at her setting to sea she cost 3,100*l.* she will not now yield 500*l.* Pray that they may receive the benefit of the said treaty. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

50. Petition of Edward Joscelin to the same. Has attended to this day the making up the accounts of munition expended at Rhé and Rochelle, wherein he has found arms to the value of 3,000*l.* unaccounted for at Plymouth, and others at Portsmouth not distinguished from the sea stores by Sir Paul Harris, late Surveyor of the Ordnance. In three years has only received 16*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, out of 100*l.* due to him, and has lost 500*l.* per annum abroad. Has wasted his means, has suffered imprisonment with his Majesty's accounts in Wood Street Compter, and now has neither means, credit, employment, consanguinity, nor affinity to subsist any longer. Prays a pass for foreign employment, with permission to make up his accounts on his return. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

50. I. *Report of Sir Thomas Morton, Sir James Scott, and Capt. John Mason, that there was due to some person described as a petitioner,* 99*l. and a fraction.* [*One page. Mutilated.*]

51. Petition of Robert Oxwick, Roger Dunster, and others, merchants, of London, and of Wm. Chamblet, and others, owners of the Sacrifice of Abraham, to the Lords of the Admiralty. In the late wars between England and France the said ship was taken from the French, and judged in the Admiralty lawful prize. Afterwards visiting Bilbao, under pretence that the said ship was Holland-built she was condemned as lawful prize in the Court of the Almirantasgos at Madrid. Pray recompence. [*One page.*]

52. Petition of Capt. James Bonnatine [Bannatyne] to Lord Treasurer Weston. As touching the suit concerning Lady Levingston, petitioner's mother-in-law, for the like grant with Sir Edward Hobby, for 500 surpluses of wool, petitioner has long attended in

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hopes of despatch. The Attorney General has certified favourably, and the Council are ready to concur with the Lord Treasurer, but cannot on account of his absence. Petitioner being in danger to lose his company under the King of Sweden, prays despatch. [*Half a page.*]

53. Attorney General Noy to Sec. Windebank. The bearer will deliver to him divers letters stayed upon the river, directed to scholars residing at Paris and Douay. The skipper that was passing them with 30 passengers without licence should be sent to the Admiral to receive punishment. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

54. Sec. Windebank to Sir Edward Coke. It is the King's pleasure that he deliver to Roger Wood a copy of a petition and warrant delivered to Sir Edward as Attorney General to the late King, in the second year of his reign, to prepare a bill for confirmation of a grant made by Queen Elizabeth to the twenty-four clerks called cursitors. [*Minute. Half a page.*]

55. Instructions for the preceding letter. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Sec. Windebank to John Munday. It is the King's pleasure that he deliver to Roger Wood a copy of a warrant given to Peter Bradshaw, late husband of Munday's now wife, by Robert, late Earl of Salisbury, whereby Bradshaw was authorized to convey the manors of Snettesham and Southrepps, and the rectory of Irchester, held by him in trust for the Earl. [*Minute. Half a page. See No. 54.*] *Annexed to No. 54,*

I. *Robert Earl of Salisbury to Peter Bradshaw. Warrant directing him to convey the manor of Snettesham, Norfolk, to Sir Henry Cary, to whom the Earl had sold the same.* 1611[-12], *March* 4. [*Copy. Half a page.*]

II. *Peter Bradshaw to Sir Henry Cary, one of the gentlemen of the Privy Chamber. Release of all the right and interest of Peter Bradshaw in the manor of Snettesham.* 1611[-12], *March* 4. [*Copy. One page.*]

Instructions for the preceding letter. [*Quarter of a page. See No. 55.*]

Instructions for answer to a petition to the King, wherein the Roger Wood above mentioned had an interest. The King referred to the Council the settlement of a charter for assisting those engaged in pinmaking. [*Quarter of a page. Written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

56. Sec. Windebank or his Sec. Robert Reade to ———. Thanks for a letter; the King and Queen are at Newmarket, but are expected to return immediately on account of the cold of that place. Mr. Aston is dangerously ill. Rumour of the assassination of the Duke of Friedland. Fr. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

57. E. Beaumont to Sec. Windebank. Before the writer's son could have notice of his call home, the heats of that country would

[1632?] much endanger his health, he being much subject to fevers. Beseeches the Sec. to move his Majesty to let further suit be stayed till the fit season of the year to travel. Sends copy of the Lords' certificate to his Majesty. [*One page.*]

58. Theophilus Earl of Suffolk to Sec. Windebank. Has received two letters from the Council to restore Maximilian Dancey to the office of Water bailiff of Dover. Had a former letter from his Majesty commanding him to the contrary, which he sends, that he may show it to the Lords. [*Half a page.*]

Covent Garden, this Monday. 59. William Earl of Stirling to the same. The Lord Treasurer being informed of the nature of the Earl's business, was willing to have his Majesty's warrant that he may give way, which warrant the Earl intreats the Sec. to procure. The King could not fail to know the yearly value of what is sought from Sir David Cunningham, who is to receive the amount, and pay his Majesty's rent first. The prosecution of this business these four years past has been very chargeable and troublesome. [*One page.*]

60. Statement of Capt. Stewart, drawn up for the information of Sec. Windebank, respecting a proposal made by Capt. Stewart to save his Majesty 10*l.* per ton upon all the cordage used in the navy. Capt. Stewart states the result of several interviews upon the subject with the King, and the way in which he was opposed by Sec. Coke in the interest of the merchants trading with Russia. [*Two pages.*]

61. Petition of Sir Henry Spelman to Francis Lord Cottington, Sir Henry Fane [Vane], Comptroller of the Household, and Sec. Windebank. The Commissioners for Exacted Fees and Innovated Offices, upon reasons expressed in a petition to them exhibited by petitioner, had adjourned the Commission till Easter Term, and till sentence were had in the Star Chamber against some offenders in that kind. The persons addressed being associated in the same Commission, Sir Henry prays them to assent to the same adjournment. [*Underwritten by Lord Cottington, "I hold this to be an idle petition, "but do refer it to the wisdom of Mr. Comptroller and Mr. Sec. "*FRA. COTT.*" Petition and other writing, one page.*]

62. Petition of Walter Sancky, Usher of the Exchequer, to Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer. In Hilary Term, 19 Elizabeth, Lord Burghley and others decreed that, as the usher was charged with finding green wax for such things as were sealed in the Exchequer, the payment for the seal should be raised one penny, which should be paid to the usher. The sealers of late have taken the additional penny, but have not paid the same over to the usher. Prays order to the sealer to obey the above decree. [*One page.*]

63. Minute of an offer, said in an indorsement to be that of the Marquis of Hamilton, that if 7,000*l.* were yearly paid to him, he

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[1632?] would furnish the King and Queen with all provisions for their stables, including those of the Prince and the Princess Mary. [*Quarter of a page.*]

64. Declaration in a cause in the Palace Court of Silvester Wilson against Samuel Baker, being an action of trespass on the case. Wilson was the licensed scrivener authorized by Sir Edmund Verney, the Knight Marshal, to follow the Court. The action was brought by Wilson to recover damages against Baker, for having followed the Court and practised as a scrivener without licence. [*The declaration is in Latin and English. Twelve pages.*]

65. Notes indorsed as "Concerning provision for the Household." They contain various items extracted from the Household accounts as subjects for comment or consideration. "The stable spends almost "a certain rate *per diem*, about 27*l.* or 30*l. per diem.*" "The "accounts of the King all in generalities." "The King's linen, "2,099*l.*" "Apparel given to the players and other persons, 441*l.*" [*One page.*]

66. List of what wages were paid by the Treasurer of the Chamber to the King's Officers in 1632. Extracts: "To the Bishop "Almoner for his Majesty's daily and monthly alms, 509*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.*; "rewards and largesses at New Year's tide, 411*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* To eleven "violins and one composer, two flutes, four sagbuts, five lutes, one "virginal, tuner, &c., 1,241*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.*; 20 footmen at 40*l.* per "annum apiece, 800*l.*" [*One page. Copy.*]

67. List of the Lord Chamberlain's warrants paid in 1632. Extracts. "Jo. le Helle for a harp, 25*l.*; John Wordington for a bass "viol, 8*l.*; Anthony Roberts for a theorba, 15*l.*; Jos. Taylor and Mr. "Swanston for a play acted at Hampton Court, 20*l.*, and for ten "plays at Whitehall, at 10*l.* apiece, 120*l.*; Jo. Mawer for lodging "the King's Jester [*This occurs among payments for lodging at "Greenwich*] at 2*s.* 6*d.* per week, 9*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*; David Ramsey, clock-"maker, on his bills for one year, 219*l.*; Thomas Lupo, for a new "tenor violin, 6*l.*; Edward Norgate, keeper of the organs, virginals, "&c., 42*l.*; Jo. Lowen, and the rest of the players, for acting 24 plays, "three at 20*l.* apiece, and 21 at 10*l.* apiece, 270*l.*; Christopher "Beeston, and the rest of the Queen's players, for acting nine plays, "one at Hampton Court at 20*l.*, and eight at 10*l.* apiece, 100*l.*; "Gabriel Marsh, Master of the Bears, for baiting them before the "King and Queen at Whitsontide 1632, 10*l.*" [*Two pages and a a half. Copy.*]

68. Report of [John Grymesdych] on the state of the Wardrobe accounts with various illustrative documents. The report is entitled "A short Declaration touching his Majesty's service of the "Great Wardrobe, expressing plainly the Inconveniences that it "suffers, and by whom, and the means to redress it, and how to "reduce the service to an absolute perfection of government and "execution in a short time, with 5,000*l.* a year advantage to his "Majesty, and yet without any prejudice to the Master of the

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[1632 ?] "Wardrobe at all." The points on which Grymesdych rests his proposed reformation are: 1. That the prices in the creditors' bills ought to be reasonable, instead of some double and others treble the value of their wares and more; and 2. That the King's money ought to be equally paid among them, instead of some their whole debts (by rewards or bribes), others two thirds, half, or some smaller part. He recommends a return to the old system by which merchants' wares were bought with ready money from the merchant and kept *in magno stauro garderobe*.. [*Twelve pages.*]

Annexed,

68. I. *Examination of the bill of Miller and Williams, mercers, with a statement of the overcharges upon every item.* [*Two pages and a half.*]

68. II. *Similar examination of the bill of Downes, the King's linen-draper, with statement of overcharges.* [*One page and three quarters.*]

68. III. *Similar examination and statement of overcharges in the bill of Browne, the upholsterer.* [*Three pages and a half.*]

68. IV. *Similar examination and statement in reference to the bill of Dixon, the harness-maker.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

68. V. *The like of John Mackreth, coffer-maker for the stables.* [*One page.*]

68. VI. *The like of Brigham, the Queen's coach-maker.* [*Three pages.*]

68. VII. *Note on the stationer's bill.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

68. VIII. *Abatements in the creditors' bills the three last half years.* [*Two pages and a half.*]

69. William George, Clerk of the Wardrobe, to Francis Lord Cottington and Sec. Coke. Narrates the circumstances under which two warrants had been procured from the King for the maundy money; one by himself through Sec. Coke in the accustomed manner, the other by William Riplingham and Josey of the Robes, through Mr. Kirke. On George's complaint Mr. Kirke procured George's warrant to be cancelled, the other remaining in force, and the King remarking, that if it were not in the right course, he would put it right the next time. Craves that the matter may be examined and the King be informed of the truth. [*One page and three quarters.*]

70. Complaint preferred by the same William George against Sir Bevis Thelwall, for misconduct in his office of Clerk of the Great Wardrobe; Sir Bevis draws warrants contrary to recent orders for regulation of the accounts, makes payments in irregular ways which put the King to double charge, combines with Mr. Grymesdych to excite dislike of the new orders, and so stirred up the Lord Cham-

[1632?] berlain against George for supporting the orders, that the Earl "spent some words upon him" to his great disgrace, and to the joy of Sir Bevis Thelwall, who boasted that his Lordship had rogued and rascalled George. [*Two pages.*]

71. Draft by Sec. Coke of proposed Letters Patent for the incorporation of a company to be styled the Adventurers for Fishing. [*This is an incomplete draft and was not followed in the grant ultimately issued; see Vol.* ccxxi., *No.* 1. *Five pages and a quarter.*]

72. Draft by Sec. Coke of part of a designed preamble for the Commission for Fishing. [*Two pages.*]

73. Another draft of part of the same preamble in a previous stage. [*One page and a quarter.*]

74. Queries which occurred to Nicholas upon reading the draft of the Commission; they are principally passages in which the construction or meaning of the Latin was doubtful. [*One page.*]

75. Copy in the handwriting of Nicholas of what was probably the docquet written under the Commission for Fishing issued on 19 July 1632. It contains an abstract of the Commission and the powers given by it, signed by the Earl of Stirling and Attorney General Noy. [*Two pages.*]

76. Considerations by Sec. Coke for establishing a society and corporation of common Fishing in all his Majesty's dominions. [*Three pages and a quarter.*]

77. Another paper of considerations by Sec. Coke, probably a first sketch of the preceding. [*One page and a half.*]

78. Propositions by Sec. Coke for present proceeding in the Association of Fishing. The matters in difference having been mostly, by his Majesty's care and wisdom agreed upon, his Majesty is prayed to give order for drawing up the charter of association. [*This was probably a paper proposed to the preliminary joint committee of both nations by Sec. Coke. One page and a quarter.*]

79. Treatise by Sec. Coke, entitled "Propositions for Fishing." He describes the state of the various fisheries carried on by Englishmen and Hollanders on the coast of Iceland, in the Hebrides, and in the Narrow Seas. He shows the great advantage derived by the Hollanders from this branch of industry, and urges the establishment of a company of adventurers to compete with them. He thus describes the concourse of Dutch fishers on the coast of Norfolk during the herring fishery:—"Whilst the fishings continue, "the Dutch, with above 1,000 sail of busses, besides their jagers "and other ships, victual themselves from our shore with bread "beer, flesh, and butter, and dry their nets upon the land, specially

[1632 ?] "in a field near Yarmouth, which is two miles in length, and they "come ashore sometimes above ten thousand persons, which, besides "the victualling of their ships, carry from hence to supply their "country both corn, beer, and beans in a very great proportion. "Yarmouth alone employeth forty brewers for their service." [*Thirty-six pages and a half.*]

80. Another paper by Sec. Coke, also entitled "Propositions for "Fishing," which contains a portion of the information ultimately worked up in the composition of the preceding paper. [*Eighteen pages.*]

81. Another paper, also by Sec. Coke, entitled "A proposition "for a fishing in Scotland." In this paper, which is probably of earlier date than the preceding, the purposes of the intended association, and the mode in which they are to be accomplished, are set forth in general terms, with an estimate of the conjectured profit. [*Three pages.*]

82. Another paper by the same, entitled "Concerning the fishing "of Iceland." This is rather a series of notes than a direct treatise; many of them were introduced into one or both of the preceding papers. The following passage, like the whole paper, is in the handwriting of Sec. Coke: "Iceland itself is a great territory, "and unknown whether it be a main continent with Newfoundland "or no. Mariners say it is one continent." [*Four pages.*]

83. "The Form of Government for Fishing according to the pro- "position of the English Committees," with various objections, entitled "The different points in form of government propounded "by the Committees for Scotland," to which is subjoined the answer of the English Committee, entitled "Exceptions to these different "points." [*Five pages.*]

84. Draft of the preceding, in Sec. Coke's handwriting. [*Four pages and three quarters.*]

85. Notes by Sir William Alexander of five articles propounded by the Scottish Commissioners to those of England in the business of the fishing. [*One page.*]

86. Answers by Sec. Coke to the preceding five articles, explaining the views of the English Commissioners on the several points there raised. [*Two pages and a half.*]

87. Other notes by Sir William Alexander of seven articles agreed upon between the Committees of England and Scotland concerning the Commission for the Fishing. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

88. Copy of the same, unsigned. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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89. Nine articles, in the same handwriting as the paper last calendared, but not signed by Sir William Alexander. They are stated to have been agreed upon betwixt the Scottish and English Commissioners in their treaty for the fishing. [*One page.*]

90. Six articles, in the same handwriting, stated to have been formerly propounded and offered to the consideration of the Commissioners of both kingdoms for the matter of the fishing. [*One page.*]

91. Suggestions by the Scottish Commissioners to those of England respecting the proper form of government for the Fishing Association. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

92. Answers by Sec. Coke to Notes of the Scottish Commissioners respecting the comprehension of Ireland in the projected Association for Fishing, the power given to the Commissioners for each nation, and other points of minute detail. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

93. Notes by Sec. Coke upon the constitution and power of the Council of the Corporation to be established for Fishing. [*One page.*]

94. Draft by Sec. Coke of a proposal for establishment of a court for making orders for the government of persons engaged in fishing, and determining all causes and controversies between them. [*One page and a quarter.*]

95. Opinion of Captain Mason how the stock to be raised by the Associates of the Lord Treasurer for the intended fishing in the Isles of Lewis ought to be employed. The Associates were to be naturalized Scottishmen, and made burgesses of Stornoway, in Lewis, that they might be capable of traffic in those parts, as well as of fishing. The King was to purchase the Isle of Lewis from the Earl of Seaforth, and the same was to be altogether applied to the purposes of the fishery. Six acres of Broomfield close, near Deptford, were to be set apart for building workhouses and habitations for the poor that should be employed in spinning and making nets. [*Two pages.*]

96. Agreement to be subscribed by Associates and others of the Council and Commonalty of the Society of Fishing, undertaking to pay their several shares in that adventure to Capt. John Mason, whom they appointed Receiver and Expenditor, and authorized him to provide fishermen, shipping, and nets. [*One page and a quarter.*]

97. The charges of outreiking [rigging out] one buss of about 40 lasts to the fishing, and what profit may be expected yearly thereof. The charge of building, outfitting, and victualling one buss was 835*l.*, and the return per annum 1,000*l.* The profit upon 200 busses is set down at 113,000*l.*, with some other profit from taking cod. [*One page.*]

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98. A calculation of the charge of building 10 busses, with the furnishing them to sea for four months fishing, and the profit that will arise thereby. The disbursements are stated at 8,350*l.*; the returns at 10,000*l.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

99. Map of the Isle of Lewis. [*Two pages.*]

100. Grounds and reasons for the encouragement of fishing upon the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland. The writer enumerates fourteen considerations in favour of the scheme for establishing a fishing in the Isle of Lewis. [*Three pages and a half.*]

101. Notes by Sec. Coke of answers to be given to a petition to the King of Sergeant-Major Temple, probably soliciting the captainship of Upnor Castle, and to two petitions of Robert Mintern which relate to Irish affairs, and are referred, one of them to the Lords Justices of that country, and the other to the Lord Deputy. Indorsed are notes by Sec. Coke of a Latin letter to some foreign sovereign or official person interceding for the abrogation of a sentence of death. The whole is written on a sheet of letter paper, directed to Sec. Coke by Sir Kenelm Digby. Perhaps the notes of answers to petitions were in continuation of those calendared *Vol.* ccxxii., *arts.* 17 *and* 18.

102. Paper attributed in the indorsement to Sir Robert Heath, setting forth measures for promoting the honour, safety, and profit of the kingdom. The writer argues that our strength and safety lie "in our walls, which is our shipping," and he would especially have the same maintained because of the boldness of the Hollanders, and their opinion of their strength and our security. Besides a strong fleet, he argues that we should keep our iron ordnance at home, furnish ourselves with gunpowder, maintain the King's prerogative in reference to fishing on the coasts of this island, and secure the King's mastery of the Narrow Seas. He adds that we should encourage trade, and especially support the East India Company against the Hollanders. [*Two pages and a half.*]

103. Another copy of the same. [*Two pages and a half.*]

104. Account of the profit to the Crown from the manors of Moulton, Kettering, and Torpell, in co. Northampton, and Lutterworth, co. Leicester, said to have been assigned to the Prince, but indorsed as "Lands to [mortgaged to ?] the City of London." [*Two pages.*]

105. Statement of the annual income from the King's lordship or preceptory of Dalby and Rothley, co. Leicester, and the manors of Shattington and Alvecote, co. Stafford, lately mortgaged to the City of London, and also from Holdenby, co. Northampton, not mortgaged to the City. [*One page.*]

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106. The King to Richard Hobert, deputed by his Majesty's receivers within certain counties to collect rents due to the King or Queen. Warrant authorizing him to distrain for the same. [*Two pages.*]

107. List of persons who constituted the "Committee for the "sales." [*Quarter of a page.*]

108. Note of the jewels remaining in Amsterdam, indicating such as belonged to the late Duke of Buckingham and such as remained in the hands of the executors of the late King of Bohemia. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

109. Minute respecting the office of Master Worker of the Mint. It was formerly granted to Sir Robert Harlow [Harley], and was at that time held by Sir Ralph Freeman and Sir Thomas Aylesbury, at the fee of 500*l.* per annum, which wholly drowned the King's benefit. Mr. Bazill would give 3,000*l.* if he might enjoy the same during his life, or would give the King 500*l.* per annum in certainty without further accounting. [*One page.*]

110. Note by Sir Francis Crane of the value of Ruthyn, co. Denbigh. He was about to procure a grant of it when "Sir "Tho[mas] M[onson]" stepped in with an offer of 1,000*l.* more than the 2,000*l.* he was about to give. The King directed that Sir Francis should have it at 3,000*l.*, at which price he accordingly took the same, although convinced that never was any land sold with this advantage to the King, nor any purchaser thus used. [*Two pages.*]

111. Information of the injury sustained by the King in the woods in Hainault by pollarding young timber trees. For wall-wood it is a shame to see the spoil that has been committed there. [*Indorsed by Sec. Coke, "Wall-wood in Waltham Forest." Half a page.*]

112. Warrant to the Attorney General to prepare commissions directed to the several persons and for the several counties named, to inquire touching depopulations and conversion of arable land to pasture, since the tenth year of Queen Elizabeth. The counties are Lincoln, Leicester, Northampton, Somerset, Wilts, and Gloucester. John Pym is one of the Commissioners for the last-mentioned county. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

113. Fragment of a petition to the Council from some officer whose name does not appear, the commencement of the petition having been torn off. Petitioner served in the Low Countries, but left his employment there in order to take part in the expeditions to Cadiz, Rhé, and Rochelle. The account for his service had been settled by Capt. Mason, but was still unpaid. In consideration of present want and long attendance, prays order for payment, and until he can receive the amount, a protection against his creditors. [*Half a page. Much mutilated.*]

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114. Necessary remembrances concerning the preservation of timber fitting for building and repairing his Majesty's ships, and for inabling the subject with materials sufficient for building ships for merchandise. Decay of timber in the Forest of Dean, the New Forest, and Waltham Forest. Shotover and Stow-wood are the only places for supply of his Majesty's service. [*One page and three quarters.*]

115. Blank form of Letters of Institution used by Bishop Corbet, of Norwich. Lat. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

116. Articles by his Majesty's command to be observed by all [persons in St. Paul's.] I. No man to walk in the Church during divine service. II. No man to profane the Church by carriage of burthens or baskets. III. Parents and masters to forbid their children and servants to play in the Church. [*Printed. One page.*]

117. Petition of Francis Bradshaw, minister, to Bishop Laud. Petitioner is curate to Mr. Thomas Mann, rector of St. Olave's, Silver Street, London, who lives altogether at Christ's Church, in Oxford, and allows petitioner 20*l.* yearly for officiating his cure. Petitioner, by reason of great charge of wife and children, house rent, hardness of times, and small stipend, suffers much want, being a Bachelor of Divinity, and some time Fellow of New College, Oxford. Prays to be appointed curate of the Chapel of St. James-in-the-Wall, in the parish of St. Olave. [*Indorsed, "Cloth workers." Three quarters of a page.*]

118. Petition of William Martyn, priest, to the same. Having deservedly fallen into the Bishop's high displeasure, for a sermon preached in St. Leonard's, Foster Lane, and having been proceeded against and suspended, petitioner professes sorrow and repentance, and prays the Bishop's absolution. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

119. Notes from the rubrics of the Common Prayer Book, and certain Roman Catholic authorities, respecting the proper disposition of the remainder of the consecrated elements left after the celebration of the Lord's Supper. [*One page.*]

120. List of books in Latin, French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, and English; principally theological and historical. [*Twenty-five pages.*]

121. List of names with sums attached to them, perhaps a list of moneys lent, or of subscriptions for some public object, as the repair of St. Paul's, remaining unpaid. Among them are Lord Stourton, 200*l.*; John Monson, 200*l.*; John Caryll, 50*l.*; Richard Egerton, 100*l.*; Lord Weston, 400*l.*; Lord St. John, 500*l.*; Sir Charles Blunt, 100*l.*; John Chamberlain, 100*l.*; Lord Falkland, 50*l.*; John Cotton, 50*l.* [*One page and a half. Written on leaves torn out of a small book.*]

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122. Bishop Wright, of Lichfield and Coventry, to Dr. Buggs, of Coventry. Hears very well of him and his proceedings, and somewhat also (if that something be not nothing) he hears only, reserving an ear for Dr. Buggs at their meeting. In the meantime, urges him to go on through good report and evil report, and as an experienced physician, to read to the writer a short lecture on the body of Coventry, which are the parts affected, that he may the better effect the cure. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

123. Verses written against "the parson or priest" of St. Nicholas, in Colchester [Theophilus Roberts ?], on account of his having railed round the communion table in his church, and instituted proceedings in Dr. Aylett's court against persons who refused to contribute to the expense thereof. The first stanza runs thus:—

> The Complaynt which I haue in hand
> is of our perech Teutore,
> because with bonner he is turnd
> to be A persiecutor.

The clergyman complained of is described as preaching once a month, and then to little effect,

> For mouch A doe he haeth euen then
> His owr Glase to fell.

Others of the clergy of Colchester are commemorated in the following stanzas:—

> And now with Aieres Ile begin
> For antikwity sake,
> And if tymes of Poopery should com
> A dayntie Fryer he wood make.
>
> And next too him is Honnifowld
> Who in mens mouths is bout & sowld,
> her allso he shall be in rowld,
> And shall for a knaue with the rest be towld.
>
> For all though A Skoller great he be
> & allsoe A devine
> Yet better he loves A pretye wench
> And allsoe A Cup of Wine.
>
> The third as here I doe suppoos
> is newcomman that man
> Ill need not mouch of him disclose,
> be caus his acsions can.
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> * * * *
>
> And Thus you se Fower Clergie knaues
> too gether all compackt,
> An still they do contineually
> in the Devells servess akt.

The lines are signed "by me, Fecth John," the surname being also spelt "Ficth" and "Feth." They are dated "the 6 of Joulye, "1875." [*Eight pages.*]

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[1632 ?] 124. Names of Heads of Houses and Principals of Halls in Oxford. [*One page and a half.*]

125. List of 21 Manuscripts, stated in an indorsement to have been "sent up to my Lord of London," for St. John's College, Oxford. They comprise "a book called Aurora, containing several books of "the Holy Bible in allegories in verse," "Thomas Occleve, clerk of "the privy seal, in verse;" several books containing portions of the Scriptures; "an everlasting book, having neither beginning nor "ending;" "a book hard to be read;" two song books, Lives of the Saints in English verse, and various others. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

126. Attorney General Noy to the Council. Report on a charge against Robert Williamson, a recusant, arrested by the name of Thomas Williamson, on a charge of having treated with contempt and torn a general warrant for apprehending priests and Jesuits, under which he was captured by Francis Newton. The arrest was made on Tuesday in Easter week, at a house in the Strand called Jerusalem. The Attorney General reports the examinations of all the persons present. Among other allegations of Williamson, one is, that he had been informed that Newton was an attorney "thrown over the bar." [*Three pages.*] *Annexed,*

126. 1. *R. Brownlow to* [*Attorney General Noy*]. *They wrong Newton very much who say that he was thrown over the Common Pleas bar. He was never thrown over the Common Pleas.* [*Quarter of a page. Williamson was discharged from the Gate-house on* 31 *May* 1632, *Conc. Reg., Car. I.*, viii., 54.]

127. The King to the Officers of the Exchequer. Form of warrant of assistance to a person who undertakes to prosecute an indictment against certain presumed recusants. [*Quarter of a page.*]

The same to the same. Form of warrant to grant commission for discovery of lands of convicted recusants. [*Third of a page. Written on the same paper as the preceding.*]

128. Statement of the practice in reference to inquisitions for discovery of the estates of recusants. The writer complains of abuses practised by recusants in procuring special commissions addressed to commissioners selected by themselves, and, when lands are found for the King, in setting up colourable pretences why they are not subject to seizure. [*Two pages and a half. Copy.*]

129. Statement of the principal grievances under which recusants laboured: first, in reference to the abuses committed by pursuivants in searching for priests and Jesuits; and second, in the measures taken for levying the King's revenue out of their lands and goods. The writer makes suggestions for preventing the abuses complained of. [*Seven pages. Copy.*]

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130. Considerations touching grants intended by his Majesty of the benefit growing by recusants. The writer suggests various practical measures for the prevention of frauds in the grants alluded to. [*One page.*]

131. Names of recusants lodging in several parishes in the county of Middlesex, in the immediate neighbourhood of the City of London, with the names of the persons in whose houses they lodged. Amongst many others, in St. Giles's in the Fields, Francis Constable and Elizabeth his wife, Sydney Constable and Herbert Constable with their sons, Sir Francis Hildesley and Dame Susannah his wife; in Bloomsbury, Mrs. Marie Digby with seven of her children; in Prince's Street, Dr. Edward Potter, a priest, and Francis Conne, a Scottishman; Drury Lane, Lady Falkland and her servant, whose name they will not reveal, Lady Jane Clifford and Susannah her servant; St. Andrew's in Holborn, Captain Franck and his wife; St. Sepulchre's, Sir Thomas Monson and his lady, their son and four daughters, Robert Gurney, a printer; Golden Lane, Henry Pennington and his wife. [*Five pages and a half.*]

132. Information, stated in the indorsement to be that of —— Southwell, of priests and Jesuits dwelling in and about Drury Lane. One of the houses mentioned had a "privy way for con-" veying away the inmates through stables into the fields." Prays warrant to search for the persons mentioned. [*One page.*]

133. Another similar paper in reference to a house in Drury Lane, taken by one Cope in the name of Lord Montagu of Cowdray, which house was a place of meeting for Jesuits and priests. [*One page.*]

134. Another similar paper, of information derived from Christopher Neighbour, who had children committed to him in order that he might procure them to be confirmed by the Queen's bishop. He states what Popish bishops were in England, and that they had intelligence of everything that was done throughout the country. [*One page.*]

135. Proposal that the King should be moved by way of mercy to the recusants, to accept from them a stated sum double at least to what came into his coffers in the second and third years of his reign, when the penalties were fully levied. [*Two pages. Copy.*]

136. Another copy of the *Monita quædam pro Sacerdotibus præsertim quando veniunt in Angliam*, or instructions for Roman Catholic priests, especially those who come into England for missionary purposes. One copy is calendared *Vol.* ccv., *No.* 110. Lat. [*Two pages and three quarters. Both copies are indorsed by Sec. Coke.*]

137. Instructions for the practice of mental prayer; probably written by a Roman Catholic. [*One page.*]

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138. Form of a King's letter, prohibiting for special reasons that a recusant should be indicted or molested on account of his recusancy. [*One page and a quarter Copy.*]

139. Extracts from Coke upon Lyttleton, concerning the power of aliens to acquire a property in houses or lands in England. Indorsed by Sec. Windebank, "Concerning aliens, delivered me by the "Earl Marshal." [*One page.*]

140. Legal opinion unsigned, apparently written after perusal of the preceding extracts from Coke upon Lyttleton. It is confirmatory of what is stated by Sir Edward Coke, except upon one point. [*Quarter of a page.*]

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1. Brief in a cause of Samuel Gazeley against Michael Yardley, for non-payment of tithes due to the complainant as farmer of the rectory of Caddington, co. Bedford. [*Five pages.*]

2. Brief in a cause in the Star Chamber of the Attorney General *versus* Sir Thomas Cornewall, William Hughes, and others, for denying Christian burial at Burford, co. Salop, to the body of William Fox, a gentleman of an ancient house, also for taking the body out of the grave, carrying it to Greet in a cart, and there throwing it near a swine stye. [*One page.*]

3. Brief in a case in the Court of Wards touching Ralph Calveley's lands, escheated to his Majesty on the decease of his son John, Ralph being a bastard, and which lands were subsequently granted by his Majesty to Sir Kenelm Digby. [*One page.*]

4. Brief in an appeal to the Court of Delegates from a decision of the Court of Arches, in a cause between the late Robert Lord Viscount Kilmorey, deceased, against Sir John Corbet and Edward Wolley, respecting the consecration of a chapel erected by the late Lord Kilmorey in connexion with his seat at Shavington, in the parish of Adderley, co. Salop. The defendants in the appeal were the patron and incumbent of Adderley, and the question in the cause was, in what way the consecration of the chapel at Shavington affected the rights of the mother church of Adderley. [*Twenty-five pages.*]

5. Statement of the particular points in dispute in the cause mentioned in the preceding article. [*One page.*]

6 Draft sentence in the above cause, confirming the consecration of the chapel at Shavington, and the power of the curate of the

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[1632 ?] same to marry and baptize, but directing that in cases of matrimony banns should first be published in the mother church, and that in all cases of marriages and baptisms the names of the persons married and baptized should be certified to the incumbent of the parish for entry in his register. Lat. [*Four pages.*]

7. Brief in a cause in the Court of Arches on behalf of John Pynchon, farmer of the rectory of Writtle, co. Essex, against Reynold Sumpner, relating to the true manner of tithing hops. [*Seven pages.*]

8. Brief in the same cause on behalf of Reynold Sumpner. [*Two pages.*]

9. Brief in a case of the King, on the relation of Edward Heath and Lucy his wife, plaintiff, against Benjamin Laney, D.D., and the Master and Scholars of Pembroke Hall, in Cambridge, defendants. The question in the cause was whether the manor of Barway, in Soham, co. Cambridge, was a member of Soham manor or a separate and independent manor. Among the witnesses was "Isaac Barrow," probably father of the theologian. [*Five pages and a half.*]

10. Legal opinion, in the form of a letter, on the question of whether an action lies for procuring a person to be indicted of treason. The opinion is in the negative. [*Copy. Six pages and a quarter.*]

11. Answer of Sir John Lambe to a bill of complaint of Lady Susan Thornhurst, widow of Sir Giffard Thornhurst. Sir Giffard was indebted to Sir John Lambe 52*l.*, for payment whereof he had the bond of Sir Giffard and Nicholas Turberville. The amount was not paid as in the bill alleged by either of those persons, nor by Sir Alexander Temple, nor by Carew Saunders, but still remained due from the persons bound to pay the same. [*Five pages.*]

12. Points considered doubtful by the Attorney General in the bill against Bishop Williams, of Lincoln. In the handwriting of Sec. Coke. The points principally relate to defects of proof. [*Half a page.*]

13. Answer of Edward Thompson to the petition of Thomas Parmenter and others, touching the certificate of Sir Thomas Richardson, Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench. He alleges that he had always lived a peaceable life among his neighbours, that the Lord Chief Justice never heard him on the reference from the Council, and that he does not know several of the petitioners, nor ever sued any such persons. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

14. Statement in the nature of a brief of the facts in the case of Nicholas Polhill and Robert Powlett, concerning the piratical capture of their ship by the St. Peter, of Rotterdam, and their ineffectual endeavours to procure justice in the Admiralty of that town. In the margin are references to documents in proof of the facts stated. [*One page and three quarters.*]

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15. Another statement in connection with the case mentioned in the preceding article, but without any verifying references. These papers were both prepared with a view to procuring a grant of letters of reprisal. [*One page.*]

16. Reasons to be propounded to the Lord Keeper to move him to relieve the petitioner, John Cave, by taking off or abating the costs of suit and fine imposed upon him in a cause in the Star Chamber between him and Anthony Bluet. Cave was a Justice of Peace for co. Leicester, and complained that Bluet, who lived at Somerby, caused the bells to be rung in triumph at his success as against Cave. [*Half a page.*]

17. Notes extracted out of records and accounts of the Court of Augmentation, to show what particular lands and tenements of the monastery of the Minories without Aldgate, were comprised in an Act of Parliament of 31 Henry VIII., whereby the same were assured to the Bishop of Bath and Wells, and his successors. [*One page and a half.*]

18. Grievances worthy of reformation in the practice of the Court of Chancery, the Court of Requests, the Court of Wards, the Duchy Court, the Exchequer Chamber, and also in the Courts of Common Law. In the Court of Chancery and the other courts which proceed by the way of bill and answer, it is suggested that before a subpœna be issued, security should be given to satisfy the defendants if wrongfully sued. In the Courts of Common Law, outlawry upon indictments for trespass and in personal actions is stated to be a grievance, and also the practice newly sprung up for every man that will to be a common solicitor of causes, stirring up suits among the people, and taking money for following causes. [*Two pages and a half.*]

19. Collection of transcripts of various papers in a cause instituted in the Archdeaconry Court of Huntingdon against Robert Yarwell, charged with a renewal of cohabitation with Frances Page, from whom he had been separated by a judicial decree. The transcripts consist of two sets of articles exhibited against Robert Yarwell, and three schedules, which contain:—I. Order in the previous suit nullifying a marriage between Yarwell and Page, 1624, December 15. II. Form of penance to be performed by Yarwell in the market place of Ramsey, and afterwards in the parish church of Overton Waterville, dated 1627, November 7. III. Certificate of the performance of the penance in Overton Waterville. IV. The like at Ramsey. V. Certificate of appearance of Yarwell in the Archdeaconry Court, after performance of penance, and charge to him to abstain from the company of Page. [*Eleven pages.*]

20. Similar collection of transcripts in a cause in the same court against Millicent Smyth and William Saunderson, churchwardens of Overton Waterville, for not presenting Robert Yarwell for the offence mentioned in the preceding article. [*Twenty-one pages.*]

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[1632 ?] 21. Interrogatories for witnesses to be examined on behalf of Sir John Lambe, plaintiff, against Michael West, Thomas West and his wife, and William Shepherd, defendants, respecting a claim made by some of the defendants to an annuity charged upon lands at Blisworth, bought by Sir John Lambe from Michael West. [*Seven pages.*]

22. Note of goods in Our Lady and St. Francis, Captain Richard Pronovill, Bramfield, or Bromvill, stayed by Lieut. John Godolphin in Scilly, in 1631. [*One page and a quarter.*]

23. Lords of the Admiralty [*signed only by Sec. Coke, and not issued,*] to the Mayor of Bristol. Warrant to stay the pinnace of Capt. Promvile [Bramfield or Bromvill], and to use their best diligence to apprehend Capt. Promvile himself. [*One page.*]

24. Lords of the Admiralty to [Lord Keeper Coventry]. It being the King's pleasure that the names of the Earls of Arundel and Northumberland, Lord Maltravers, the Bishop of London, Mr. Comptroller, and Sir Henry Marten, be added to the Commission of Inquiry concerning the Chest at Chatham, he is prayed to give order accordingly. [*Signed by the Earl of Dorset only. Three quarters of a page.*]

25. Note of the names mentioned above, with the addition of Sir Francis Crane and Sir William Monson, probably suggested for new Commissioners for the Chest at Chatham. The last two names have crosses placed against them, and were probably afterwards omitted. [*Half a page.*]

26. List certified by the Officers of the Navy of the names of boatswains and pursers eligible for preferment to the new ships. [*One page.*]

27. Notes by Sec. Coke of ships in the Thames in proper state of preparedness to take over the Spanish Ambassador. The Assurance, of London, Robert Bence, master, was in better plight for the purpose than the Sapphire, of London. [*Quarter of a page.*]

28. Commissioners for Review of Sentences in Admiralty Causes to George Fielding, Registrar of the Court of Admiralty. Order to receive the appeal of Gaspar Burt against Humphrey Hooke and Thomas Hooke, and to issue an inhibition to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty against further proceedings in the said cause. [*Unsigned. One page.*]

29. Statement by John Wells, Storekeeper at Deptford, of the four ways which have been used or suggested for measuring ships. [*One page and a half.*]

30. Answer of Sir Henry Marten, Judge of the Admiralty, to the petition of certain subjects of the King of France, respecting the

[1632 ?] ship called La Speranza [the Esperance] detained at Portsmouth. The ship had not been detained by his authority. If they proceeded in due form in the Court of Admiralty, right would be done. Lat. [*Quarter of a page.*]

31. Paper indorsed by Nicholas, "Mr. Colthrop." It is a reply addressed to the Lords of the Admiralty, to a complaint of Mr. Norton against the writer, for "setting down a stick or stake in the "river Stour." The answer is, that Mr. Norton and the residue of Fordwich had themselves "set pylles" in the river, for the prevention of fishers, to the great annoyance of boats and hindrance of persons employed to clear the river of weeds. [*One page.*]

32. New list of his Majesty's ships, apparently prepared for the King, and addressed to him. The list comprises thirty-eight ships; four of the first rank, eleven of the second, nine of the third, two of the fourth, ten of the fifth, and two of the sixth. The list gives the dimensions and number of men as stated in a previous list, which is termed the old list, and for which the present "new list" is a substitute. This list also states the number of the ordnance, and their particular kind in every ship. [*One page.*]

33. Copy of the same. [*One page.*]

Whitehall. 34. [Sec. Coke to Attorney General Noy]. Warrant for renewal of a commission to the Officers of the Ordnance, for purveyance of timber, &c., for his Majesty's service. [*Half a page.*]

35. Petition of Joshua Butler, Surveyor and Keeper of the Armoury in the Tower, to Sec. Coke, one of the Commissioners for survey of the Armouries. On 1 September 1629, Sir Thomas Jay, Master of the Armoury, on the surrender of John Cooper, gave the office of surveyor and keeper to petitioner, in consideration of which grant petitioner paid Sir Thomas Jay 163*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* His Majesty gave warrant to the Attorney General for drawing up the like grant to petitioner as Cooper had, but the passage of the same is now stopped by Thomas Rawlins, who pretends a patent in reversion from his late Majesty. Prays that he may either enjoy his place, or have his money restored. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

36. Proposition of John Browne, founder of iron ordnance, for the substitution of turned iron ordnance in place of brass ordnance, for all the smaller ships of the Navy, with a statement of the saving which would be thus effected. Ninety tons of brass ordnance would cost 14,332*l.* 5*s.*, but if made of fine turned iron, 3,600*l.* [*One page.*]

37. John Browne to [Nicholas]. Two estimates had been made for preparing turned iron ordnance for the service of several of his Majesty's lesser ships and merchants' ships, but no money had been issued to set forward the work. Desires that he may receive 2,000*l.* thereon presently. [*Half a page.*]

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38. Suggested names of Commissioners for survey of Forts and Castles, partly in the handwriting of Sec. Coke. [*One page and a quarter.*]

39. Ordinances for the government of Castles and Forts, propounded by the Council of War to be considered by the Council of State, and by their approbation to be presented to his Majesty, by him to be established. [*Draft in the handwriting of Sec. Coke, with notes indorsed by Lord Cottington. Two pages and a half.*]

40. Copy of the same. [*Two pages and a half.*]

41. Certificate of the Company of Armourers of London, concerning the number of arms for horse and foot, which they suppose themselves able to provide monthly. The numbers suggested are: lance armours, 20, at 5*l.* the lance; foot armours, 200, at 25*s.* the armour. [*Half a page.*]

42. Survey of the Relation lately presented to his Majesty under the title of "The Ancient Institution and form of government of "his Majesty's Office of the Ordnance." This paper consists of observations [by Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance,] upon the relation above mentioned. He conjectures the motives which led to the presentation of the book in question, and gives a brief unfriendly comment upon its leading assertions. [*Fifteen pages.*]

43. Duties of the Clerk of the Deliveries of the Ordnance Office which were omitted in the Commissioners Book in 1620. [*One page.*]

44. Sum of proofs against Henry Dewing, of Hackford, Norfolk, grocer, and Henry Dewing, his son, for disorderly conduct at the musters in that county. [*Two pages.*]

45. Certificate of Lord Lieutenants of co. Cambridge, of such persons as make default at musters of the horse, and of such soldiers of the foot bands as refuse to find arms within the same county. [*One page and three quarters.*]

46. A book of the manor of Norrell, belonging to the College of Norrell, in co. Bedford. It contains a brief history of the manor from A.D. 1380 to 1612; a catalogue of the court rolls and rentals; a catalogue of the names of the tenants, and a note of the tenures, rents, and services of each of the same tenants. [*Seventeen pages and a half.*]

47. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Cornwall of apprentices bound within each several parish in the hundred of Penwith. *Three pages and a quarter.*]

48. Similar certificate for the hundred of Kerrier. [*One page and a half.*]

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49. Petition of Edward Stonden, of Sherborne, in Dorset, to the Commissioners of Sewers for the levels of Barking, Dagenham, and Havering, in Essex. About twelve years since there was an inundation within the levels of Dagenham and Havering, and petitioner was desired to undertake the recovery of the same. He afterwards resigned the undertaking to Sir Cornelius Vermuyden, on promise of being paid 100*l.*, of which he received 20*l.*, and the remainder was to be paid when the next scot for the levels was collected. Prays order for present payment. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

50. Statement in reference to the opposition offered to an attempt to drive the cattle off Holme Fen, co. Huntingdon. Mr. Castle [Castell], of Glatton, a Justice of the Peace, came into the fen, and by his men prevented Thomas Treise, one of the overseers of the division dikes in the Great Level, from driving his cattle off the fen, whilst a crowd of women and men, armed with scythes and pitchforks, uttered threatening words against any one that should drive their fens. It was commonly reported by the commoners in Ely Fens, and the fens adjoining, that Mr. Cromwell, of Ely, had undertaken, they paying him a groat for every cow they had upon the common, to hold the drainers in suit of law for five years, and that in the meantime they should enjoy every foot of their common. [*One page.*]

51. Deposition of Richard Warwick, of Yaxley, co. Huntingdon, chief constable. States that he was sent for by Mr. Castell, mentioned in the preceding article, who informed him that Sir Thomas Cotton had received a letter from Mr. Rainscroft, that Norfolk, Suffolk, and co. Cambridge had raised money for recovery of the fens, and Castell urged Warwick to collect money in co. Huntingdon for the like purpose, after the rate of 2*s.* per house. [*One page.*]

52. List of towns which claimed common in the Eight Hundred Fen in co. Lincoln; together with the number of acres, owners, and houses in each town, and who were Lords of the said towns. [*One page.*]

53. Suggestions by Sir Robert Heath, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas, for treating with the governor and one of the stewards of the oastmen of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who had given their attendance upon a letter from the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington. The charge against them was that the river Tyne was neglected by their fault, and that the subject was deceitfully served with coals. They were to be threatened with the loss of their charter, which it was supposed would result in improved regulations for the shipping of coals and increase of profit to the King. [*Two pages.*]

54. Interrogatories touching the misdemeanors of the Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in permitting a Holland captain to board and

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[1632 ?] seize upon a vessel of Chevaria and company, which was haled on land within the jurisdiction of the corporation of Newcastle. [*One page.*]

55. Justices of co. Somerset to Thomas Luttrell, Sheriff. Report measures taken for suppression of vagrancy and relief of the poor within the hundreds of Williton, Freemanors, and Carhampton. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

56. Minute of suit of [John Grymesdych to the Council]. The inhabitants of Pomfret having sued for an enlargement of their charter to various surrounding townships, petitioner desires that the petition may be respited until the inhabitants of those townships may be informed thereof. He prays also that if the inhabitants of Pomfret are to be freed from suit to his Majesty's mills of Knottingley, it may be without prejudice to his rights as farmer thereof for 13 years to come at 22*l.* 10*s.* rent to the King per annum, especially as he had spent 1,000*l.* thereon to establish the King's right. [*One page.*]

57. Report from certain Lords Committees, who are not named, on the present state of the wire business betwixt Sir Basil Brooke and Mr. Mynne. The latter was debtor to the account of the wireworks 1,954*l.* 5*s.* 3*d.*, and the former was a creditor to the said accounts 1,261*l.* 8*s.* 11*d.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

58. Statement, termed in the indorsement, A Declaration of the Company of Eastland Merchants, addressed to Sec. Coke [?], of the inconveniences to which their trade was subjected by the wars of the King of Sweden, and the proceedings and carriage of the Danskers concerning their seal. They solicit the interference of the King to silence complaints against them of the clothiers, because they did not purchase cloths for which they could not procure a vent. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Account of stranger's consulage collected by Edward Stringer, treasurer for the Levant Company, from 1628 to 1632, with the expenses of the Company at Constantinople during that period. [*Two pages. See Correspondence of Levant Company, Vol.* i., *No.* 80.]

59. Report on the power of the King to incorporate a new company in London, without breach of the privileges of the City. It is stated, that originally there were but twelve companies who had halls and appropriate liveries, but that the number had since been extended to 24 by royal incorporation; wherefore the King might do what was desired. The question had reference to a proposal, to bring into this kingdom the trade of smelting brass, and converting the same into copper and battry wares. [*One page and a quarter.*]

60. Remembrance, by Mr. Skinner, Clerk of the Company of Merchant Adventurers, of the great increase of the duties imposed upon the import of English cloths into the Low Countries since the late war with Spain. [*Three pages.*]

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[1632 ?] 61. Objections and answers in the business of bringing of the trade of brass battry into England, made in the presence of Sec. Coke and Mr. Comptroller of the Household, with notes thereon by the former. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

62. Memorandum, apparently by some officer of the Exchequer, that the last payment to Sir Sampson Darrell, on account of his fee of 6*s.* 8*d.* per diem for himself and two servants, was up to the last of December 1631. [*Four lines.*]

63. Minute of a reference by the Council of a petition of a person unnamed. It was sent to certain persons to be settled, so that the Board might not be any more troubled with it. [*Small fragment of eight lines.*]

64. [Lord Keeper Coventry to the Council ?]. The King having commanded the writer to take order for the examination of certain delinquents against the patent and commission touching salt, he prays them to undertake the same examination, and to make such report thereon, that his Majesty's pleasure may be further fulfilled. [*Minute. Three quarters of a page.*]

Thursday night late. 65. T. Cary to Henry Earl of Holland. They were in some little disorder at Somerset House, till the King's letter by Will. Crofts restored them. The Queen was not a little troubled that after her empty epistle by Lord Suffolk, she was fain to find subject of another for the Lord Treasurer, before she had thanks to give his Majesty for any remembrance. That night she made great haste from St. James's, where she supped, that she might reproach the Earl's slackness by the sudden return of his messenger. He must do so no more, for the day passes not merrily with them when they hear not from him. The new Ambassador has not been with the Queen. Dorset feeds the old one to-morrow night. [*One page.*]

66. Certificate of coroner, midwife, surgeon, and foreman of the jury impanelled to inquire into the death of a child of Elizabeth Draper, prisoner in Newgate. There not being any wound or bruise, and the midwife swearing that the child was born dead, they could not find Elizabeth Draper guilty at all. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

67. The Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Warden of the Stannaries, with the Lord Chief Justices Richardson and Heath, and all the other Judges, with Attorney General Noy, to the King. Certificate as to the privilege enjoyed by tinners in Cornwall of being sued in the Stannary Courts, also of the several modes of trying the question of who was a tinner, and as to the extent of the Stannaries. [*One page.*]

68. Joan Burrowghe to Dr. Leighton, in Little Wood Street, next door to the sign of the Talbot. Her son has come safely to Edinburgh, and has received unspeakable kindness from Leighton's

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friends. Wishes to hear what he has done with his horse, and to satisfy him for any loss thereby. Sends 10*s.* to pay for writing the holiday notes he promised to send her, and also four letters from his friends in Scotland. [*One page.*]

69. Extracts from books of account, being entries of various sums of money paid to Philip Burlamachi, from 26 May 1625 to 21 Aug. 1633, for his Majesty's service. [*Ten pages. The account is probably incomplete, and seems to have been used as the draft of a subsequent account in which the items were differently arranged.*]

70. Statement by [Sir Thomas Edmondes, Treasurer of the Household] of Burlamachi's failure in payment to him of 2,000*l.* assigned to be satisfied to Sir Thomas, out of money received by Burlamachi, on account of the Queen's jointure. Burlamachi is charged with having made use of the money for his own occasions, and (having obtained a protection from his Majesty) with now refusing to come to account with Sir Thomas. [*One page.*]

71. Opinion of Edward Lyttleton, recorder, touching the propriety of permitting Mr. Burlamachi to transfer his adventure in the joint stock of some unnamed adventure. [*Half a page.*]

72. Copy of the preceding. [*One page.*]

73. J. White to ———. Not being able to stir from his bed, sends him a brief of his friend's business, and wishes to be informed what the person addressed conceives will be the effect thereof. [*One page.*]

74. R. R. B. to James Ashton. Thanks for long papers transcribed out of Petronilla. The writer has procured the book to be ranked among those prohibited. Various particulars of controversies among religious bodies in the Low Countries and France. Things at Rome go not well between the Pope and the Cardinals respecting the German wars. [*One page.*]

75. John Nicholas to his father Edward Nicholas. A school letter. [*One page.*]

76. Form of will prepared for Captain John Pennington. He recites a grant of rents of assart lands made to him for 31 years by the late King, and a grant by the present King of the manor of Hanslop, co. Bucks. The names of other persons intended to be mentioned are indicated by pretended initials. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

77. Receipt indorsed [by Nicholas] "My Lord Treasurer's receipt "of a physic-drink to cleanse the body, and to prevent the stone "in the kidney." [*One page.*]

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78. Copy of a Latin pasquin, stated to have been taken out of an almanack of 1594. It is in dispraise of Philip II. of Spain, and commences :—

Prædo Lusiacis, plaga Indis, proditor Anglis,
Prædator Belgis, Gallis pavor, et pudor Afris ;

Lat. [*One page.*]

79. Notes, by a herald or other person engaged to conduct the funeral of a nobleman, of the names of persons to take certain parts in the funeral procession. [*Two pages.*]

80. Estimate of materials and cost of a navigable sluice, 47 yards long, 12 yards over, and 9 yards high ; total cost, 1,880*l.* [*One page.*]

81. Examination of John Richardson, victualler, dwelling in George Yard, Holborn, taken before the Bishop of London, relative to the sickness and death of John Pennington, "concerning whose "death there had been such reports." The witness states that during Pennington's sickness of three days he was very patient, and did scarce swear any one oath in all that time ; that on the second day of his sickness, "looking somewhat wildly, he asked what was "become of that little black thing that lay nibbling at his feet?" which question was followed by a convulsion fit, in which his mouth was drawn awry. He died the next day. [*Indorsed by Bishop Laud. Three quarters of a page.*]

82. Articles of exception against Stephen Marsh, late servant and apprentice to Richard Dawkes, for disobedient and violent conduct during his apprenticeship. [*One page and three quarters.*]

83. Account of goods sold by Edward Tooker, by virtue of a bargain and sale, bearing date 13 March 1631, made to him by Sir John Couper, now deceased. The items indicate the contents of a gentleman's country house ; the prices fetched are stated. Articles of silver produced 5*s.* 2*d.* to 5*s.* 6*d.* per ounce ; of brass 7*d.* to 12*d.* per pound ; of pewter, 7*d.* per pound ; of bedding, 9*d.* per pound. [*Damaged by damp. Twenty pages.*]

84. Names of those who reside in Chelsea College. *Indorsed by Bishop Laud "Chelsye College men."* [*Quarter of a page.*]

85. List of servants at an entertainment, with note of gratuities to them indorsed. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

85. I. *Account of payments for bread at 5s. per bushel, flour at the same price, beer at 9s. per hogshead, and a load of wood, 8s. ; total, 5l. 10s.* [*Quarter of a page.*]

86. Proposal, said in the indorsement to be by Lord D'Aubigny, for levying upon all usurers a tax of 2*s.* in the pound, upon the sums received by them for interest. [*One page and three quarters.*]

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87. Brief abstract of a book and articles concerning a suggested excise to be imposed upon beer and ale. The proposal was that, for the increase of his Majesty's revenue, a reasonable imposition should be levied on every ton of drinks and liquors wherein any malt was used, to be paid by all brewers, with the exception of those who brewed for their own use, and apothecaries who brewed for physic. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

88. The weekly charge for baking ten quarters of wheat. The result adduced is, that a quarter of wheat cannot be baked "for "a man to keep a true assize and have a living by the trade under "13*s.* 8*d.*" [*One page.*]

89. Reasons why the assize of bread is frequently broken, and why bread is not of that quality which it should be. Increase in the charge of baking and in the price of flour, with insufficiency of the price fixed by assize, are the principal causes assigned. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

90. Sir Charles Cæsar and others [to the Council?]. Report on a dispute between Mr. Ledsey and Peter Brocklesby, referred to the reporters to be compounded. Not prevailing therein, they certify that the privilege of the use of the calamine stone, in the making of latten wire, was granted to the company for making iron wire sixty years since. Brocklesby having infringed their privileges, the reporters had prevailed with Ledsey to buy his stock, and had enjoined Brocklesby to forbear his breach of those privileges, but Brocklesby was obstinate, and would not conform. [*One page.*]

TRINITY HOUSE CERTIFICATES FOR THE YEAR 1632.

In continuation of those for the Year 1631, *printed in this volume at p.* 246.

Date of Certificate.	Name of Ship.	Where built.	Tonnage.	Reference to Certificate.
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May 5	Confident - - - - -	Shoreham -	300	No. 56
„ 5	Pelican - - - - -	Not stated -	140	„ 57
„ 30	Dolphin - - - - -	London - -	270	„ 58
June 6	Mary - - - - -	Ratcliffe -	300	„ 59
August 2	Mary Fortune, of London - -	Dutch built -	140	„ 60
„ 11	Elizabeth, of London - -	Not stated -	140	„ 61
„ 29	Jeremie, of London - -	Wapping - -	200	„ 62
Sept. 8	Increase - - - - -	Not stated -	120	„ 63
Oct. 17	William and Elizabeth, of London	Not stated -	350	„ 64
„ 31	The Society, of London, - -	Not stated -	350	„ 65
Nov. 3	Not stated - - - -	Southampton -	70	„ 66

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Jan. 1. Ludham. 1. Bishop Corbet, of Norwich, to the Council. Received their letter of the 13th December, from the hands of the Bailiffs of Yarmouth, on the 22nd of that month, and admitted George Burdett, whom the Council had appointed lecturer, in that place. Hopes he will conduct himself to the advantage of the church. The inhabitants are anxious that he should not want a living, the writer that he should not scatter poison. Christ sent forth shepherds, the people hanker after hirelings, so that the keepers as well as the flock are to be looked after. Lat. [*One page.*]

[Jan. 1 ?] 2. Capt. Francis Hooke to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Fifth Whelp has been out seven months, and is foul. This is the time to have her trimmed. There are also defects of some knees, which he certifies, that they may give order for repair. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 2. 3. Declaration of the wrongs done to English merchants in France, contrary to the articles of the treaty, with the motives inducing the French thereto, and the way to redress the same. The French merchants desired to prevent the importation of the new draperies, so as to keep the trade therein in their own hands. They stirred up the people to oppose the same, and thereupon seized the English goods, and kept them under arrest. [*One page and three quarters. Indorsed with this date by Sec. Coke.*]

Jan. 2. 4. Survey of the ordnance and gunner's stores of the Ninth Whelp, by William Purser, gunner of the same. [*One page.*]

Jan. 2. 5. Survey of ordnance and munition in Archcliff Bulwark, Dover, taken by William Forster and Andrew Bashaw, by warrant of Council and the Officers of the Ordnance. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

[Jan. 3 ?] 6. Petition of Sir Thomas Canon to the King. On a commission directed to petitioner and others, the forfeiture of Morgan Thomas, a felon, lately convicted in co. Pembroke, was found, notwithstanding the opposition of various persons, and among them of the Bishop of St. David's, who endeavoured to persuade petitioner to give way to the Bishop's having the same. Petitioner not yielding to this solicitation, the Bishop has exercised his displeasure against him in various ways, and among them by hindering his procuring the renewal of a lease from the Dean and Canons of Windsor of the rectory of Abergwilly, and obtaining the King's letter for a grant to the Bishop in reversion. Has served as a public minister in his country near forty years, and prays the King's direction to the Dean and Canons to renew his lease. [*One page. Indorsed with a note of the reference made on the next petition. One page.*]

Jan. 3. 7. Petition of the same to the same. Sets forth communications between himself and the Dean of Windsor, and annexes a state-

1633. ment of past services to the Crown. Prays a reference to Lord Cottington and Sec. Windebank. *Underwritten,*

7. I. *Reference desired, with the addition of the Bishop of London.* [*Petition and reference, one page.*] *Annexed,*

7. II. *Statement of Sir Thomas Canon's services by his weak endeavours for the Crown in those parts where he dwells. The services consist principally of his active collection of subsidies and compositions for knighthood, and his assisting the Commissioners of the Revenues of the King when prince, whereby the fines upon leases had been raised from* 20*l. in Queen Elizabeth's time to* 100*l. at present.* [*One page.*]

7. III. *Report of the referees above mentioned. They recommend the withdrawal of the King's recommendation on behalf of the Bishop of St. David's, the renewal of Sir Thomas Canon's lease, and the consideration of a separate report of the Bishop of London upon an augmentation of the revenues of the Bishopric of St. David's.* [*Draft in the handwriting of Sec. Windebank. Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 3. 8. Officers of the Navy to the Masters and Brethren of the Trinity House. Conceive their certificate concerning the construction of the two new ships, built at Deptford and Woolwich, to be general (*see Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 74.), and pray them to express their opinions touching the contriving the ports for the Ordnance, as also upon whatsoever may be necessary or in any particular inconvenient for men-of-war. As his Majesty intends to build more ships, it is the care of the writers that present errors may be rectified. [*Copy. Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 3. Deptford. 9. Henry Goddard to Sec. Coke. Prays that Kenrick Edisbury, Henry Goddard, Edward Falkner, and William Borman may be warned before the Lords of the Admiralty on Saturday, and that Nicholas would question the Clerk of the Cheque why the writer and his servants are discharged off the ship, and not suffered to finish her for the launching. Save for the opposition of Mr. Edisbury, the ship would have been built 150*l.* cheaper in the workmanship. If he cannot go forward without such molestation, will be ready to resign his patent. [*One page.*]

Jan. 5. 10. Petition of Philip Clarkson to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth past services. Prays to have the place of Master Gunner in one of the new ships. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

10. *Certificate of Capt. John Pennington in favour of the above petitioner.*

Jan. 5. Notes by Sec. Windebank of proceedings of the Lords of the Admiralty at their meeting this day. Survey to be taken of stores

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for the magazines; the stores to be supplied will come to about 20,000*l.* Other business here noted appears in subsequent entries of letters dated this day. [*See Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 7.]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. Warrant to procure an inspection and survey of cordage in the hands of Job Harby, of London, merchant. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 9. *Half a page.*]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. The same to Surveyor of the Navy [Kenrick Edisbury] and the rest of the principal Officers. It has been an ancient custom for the Officers of the Navy to survey the hulls of his Majesty's ships every three years. It is very requisite on coming in of the new Surveyor to take the like survey of the stores remaining at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Portsmouth, and in his Majesty's ships. They are therefore to take surveys, both of ships and stores. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 9. *One page.*]

Jan. 5. Whitehall. The same to Lord Keeper Coventry. To cause Kenrick Edisbury, Surveyor of the Navy, to be furnished with the usual commissions enabling him to press ships and mariners, and take up materials. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 9 *a. Quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. The same to the same. Certificate of attendance of Sir William Russell, Treasurer of the Navy, for the year 1632, that the Lord Keeper might give order for a writ of liberate for Sir William's fee of 6*s.* 8*d.* per day. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 10. *Half a page.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. The same to the same. Similar certificate in favour of Sir Robert Mansell, Lieutenant of the Admiralty, for liberate for his fee of 10*s.* per day. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 10. *Half a page.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. Appointment of Nathan Bolt to be purser of the new ship at Woolwich. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 10 *a. Quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. Appointment of William Boyden to be purser in the new ship at Deptford. [*Minute. Ibid. Two lines.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. The like of Thomas Gardner to be Master Gunner of the new ship at Woolwich. [*Copy. Ibid. Quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. The like of Nicholas Ridgeway to be Master Gunner of the new ship at Deptford. [*Minute. Ibid. Two lines.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. The like of John Hickes to be Master Gunner in the Adventure in place of Nicholas Ridgeway. [*Minute. Ibid. Five lines.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. The like of Gerard Dalby to be Master Gunner in the Henrietta in place of John Hickes. [*Minute. Ibid. Four lines.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. Hooke. Pray him to certify the true state of the Fifth Whelp. If she is not fit to be continued at sea, he is to bring her about for Portsmouth. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 11. *Half a page.*]

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Jan. 5. Wallingford House. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty for Thomas Osborne to deliver up to Sir Sampson Darrell, Surveyor of Marine Victuals, his Majesty's bakehouse on Tower Hill. Osborne alleged that he bought the same of Richardson Conyer, with consent of Sir Allen Apsley, and gave for it 300*l.* [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 11. *Half a page.*]

Jan. 5. Wallingford House. Similar order that Nathaniel Terne, Clerk of the Survey in the Office of the Navy, deliver the survey books of stores in charge of the late Surveyor of the Navy to the new Surveyor. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 11 *a. Quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 6. Winchester. 11. John Windebank to Sec. Windebank, his father. Regrets to hear by Mr. Stanley that the Sec. is of opinion that the writer is backward in his learning. Was so at first, but now being settled in the school, is better grounded. [*One page.*]

Jan. 7. Westminster. 12. The King to the Lord Mayor of London. Recommends John Brokedon, who had married the widow of a freeman, and desired to exercise his trade, to be admitted a freeman of the city. [*Copy.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 7. Stainton. 13. John Prichard to Sir Thomas Button at Sandyhaven. The Biscayners who lately arrived there he found to be miserable poor snakes, merely unable to attempt anything. They were gone for Tenby, where they expect shipping for Plymouth. Has bought their boat, which sails well and may be useful on the river, specially for finding such as choke the channels of that port with ballast. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 7. Thorp. 14. Charles Carey to George Rawden. Cannot meet him about repairs of his house at Langley. Never agreed to any, but to leave it as he found it. It seems Lady Verney has some tie by bond of Lady Vere, or else she would not be so strict. He will never yield any contribution, but what a jury will lay upon him by virtue of his agreement. [*One page.*]

Jan. 7. 15. Draft in the handwriting of Nicholas of an agreement to be entered into by the several persons who were willing to become Adventurers associated in partnership with the Lord Treasurer and others of the Council and Commonalty of the Society of the Fishing of Great Britain. This agreement was intended to be entered in a book and to be subscribed by the persons above mentioned. [*One page and a line.*] *Annexed,*

15. I. *List of persons who agreed to become Adventurers in the Fishery as above mentioned, with the sums each of them agreed to pay as his adventure to Capt. John Mason, the Treasurer. This list is stated to be of those who subscribed their names "in Mr. Attorney's book." It comprises the Lord Treasurer,* 1,000*l.; Lord Chamberlain and Earl of Rutland,* 500*l. each; Katherine Duchess of Buckingham,* 300*l.; Attorney General Noy and Sir John Hippisley,* 200*l. each; Sir Thomas Middleton, Sir*

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Anthony Irby, John Lord Poulett, John Ashburnham, John Chamberlain, Endymion Porter, Susan Countess of Denbigh, Lord Fielding, Sir Toby Matthew, and many others, 100l. each, and some few persons, 50l. each The total, 11,750l. [*Two pages and a half.*]

[Jan. 7 ?] 16. Another list of the same Adventurers. There are some differences between them, and this does not contain so many names as the preceding. [*Two pages.*]

Jan. 8. 17. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Middlesex of the number of alehouses in Whitechapel, Artillery Lane, Rosemary Lane, East Smithfield, and St. Katherine's, with the number suppressed in 1630, and the number since licensed. [*Two pages.*]

Jan. 8. 18. [Bishop Lindsell, of Peterborough] to Lord Keeper Coventry. Certificate of such benefices in the diocese of Peterborough as have been presented to by the Crown since the 13th year of Queen Elizabeth, and have since been presented to by others. [*Three pages.*]

Jan. 8. 19. Certificate of Mayor and others of St. Alban's of their proceedings at their monthly meetings, for punishment of vagabonds and relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

[Jan. 8 ?] 20. Similar certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Hertford of observance of the printed orders for relief of the poor within the hundred of Cashio. [*One page.*]

Jan. 8. 21. Petition of John Waterman, carpenter of the Mary Rose, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays preferment to be master carpenter of the new ship the Henrietta Maria. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

21. I. *Certificate by Henry Goddard and others, confirmed by the Officers of the Navy, of the petitioner's sufficiency for the preferment he solicits.* [*One page.*]

Jan. 10. Ipswich. 22. Bailiffs and others of Ipswich to Sec. Windebank. His letter signifying his Majesty's pleasure that they should certify what they found concerning the death of Barnaby Burrough, said to be murdered by Richard Suresby, was not delivered till after the jury was sworn, and the evidence in substance given. The jury found Suresby guilty, but the writers have reprieved him till his Majesty's further pleasure be known. Send up the depositions. Of what disease soever Burrough died, the wound which Suresby gave him was its cause. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

22. I. *Examinations of witnesses produced on the trial of Suresby. Burrough asked Suresby for payment of 5l. due to him, whereupon, after some altercation, Suresby stabbed him, and afterwards boasted of the fact, and said that it would never be well with Ipswich until a great many such Puritanical knaves were served so.* [*Three pages.*]

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Jan. 10. 23. Master and Brethren of the Trinity House to the Officers of the Navy. Certificate as to the size of the ports and distance between them in the two new ships built for the King at Deptford and Woolwich, and now ready to be launched, with suggestions for improvements in ships hereafter to be built. [*Copy. One page.*]

Jan. 11. Grant to John Clarke and William Burgis, of the office of Surveyor and Keeper of his Majesty's Arms and Armories in the Tower and at East Greenwich, with the fee of 3*s.* per diem. Several separate grants have been made of the above offices, till of late his Majesty granted them jointly to John Clarke and John Cooper, and Thomas Rawlins had the reversion of the office of the Tower, but all these have surrendered, and thereupon this grant is made. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 11. Warrant for Sergeant Bowey, to repair into France, for making provision of wine and fruits for his Majesty, and to take with him four servants, four horses, and other necessaries, with clauses for assistance to him in transporting the wines and fruit into this kingdom. [*Docquet.*]

Jan. 11. Order of the Commissioners for Pious Uses that the Sub-committee of that body should report how far they have proceeded in the reparation of St. Paul's. [*See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 27. *Copy. Quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 11. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to John Randall, Marshal of the Admiralty of Cornwall. To give attendance at Whitehall on the 9th February at the farthest. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 11 *a. Copy. Quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 12. Whitehall. Proclamation prohibiting the making up of girdles, belts, hangers, and other wares for men's wearing or for war-service, with brass buckles. Such buckles had been ordinarily made of iron by a company of buckle-forgers, buckle-filers, and trimmers and dressers of buckles, members of the Society of Girdlers of London. These persons and their families were likely to be impoverished by the use of buckles cast in brass, which were brittle, and not so serviceable as those in iron. The use of brass buckles was therefore forbidden. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 160.]

Jan. 12. Whitehall. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty referring the petition of Capt. Richard Bradshaw, with the answer thereto of Sir William Killigrew, to Sir Henry Marten, to certify what he thinks fit to be done. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 11 *a. Copy. Half a page.*]

Jan. 12. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Charles Earl of Nottingham. To cause his officers in his Vice-Admiralty of Sussex to apprehend in Chichester-water a small man-of-war of about 30 tons manned with about 30 Englishmen, whereof John Powick is captain. Under colour of a commission from Dunkirk they have lately taken a merchantman of Flushing, and are suspected to be pirates. [*See Ibid., fol.* 12. *Copy. Half a page.*]

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Jan. 12. Petition of John Goodwin, one of the Masters attendant, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has attended the execution of his service at Portsmouth ever since the 4th February 1630, to his great charge, being divided from his family, who live at Ipswich. Prays extra allowance. *Underwritten,*

1. *Reference to the Officers of the Navy to examine what petitioner had been formerly allowed. Whitehall,* 1633, *Jan.* 12. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 12. *Copy. Petition and reference, three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 12? Lords of the Admiralty to the Registrar of the Admiralty. Warrant to pay 200*l.* to Edward Nicholas. [*See Ibid., fol.* 12 *a. Minute. Four lines.*]

Jan. 12. Lie. [Leigh Cour co. Worcester.] 24. Essex Devereux to Henry Earl of Holland at Kensington. A discharged servant of the writer's father having accused a servant of the writer's father and himself of saying that King Charles was a fool, the writer sends both parties to the Earl to dispose of as he shall think best. [*One page.*]

Jan. 12. 25. Note of ships freighted from London to Rouen, Caen, Dieppe, and places adjoining, from Christmas 1631 to Christmas 1632. Of the ships enumerated, 5 were English, 1 was Dutch, and 51 were French. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Jan. 12. 26. Account of sums ordered to be paid out of anticipated receipts of revenue; total, 197,736*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* [*Two pages and a half.*]

Jan. 13. King's Lynn. 27. Report to the King of the proceedings of a Session of Sewers, wherein an agreement was come to with the Earl of Bedford for draining the fens within cos. Northampton, Norfolk, Suffolk, Lincoln, Cambridge, Huntingdon, and the Isle of Ely. The terms and all the previous proceedings are minutely set forth, with the conditions between the Earl and the Commissioners. The Earl was to have 95,000 acres of the drained lands assigned to him, and whenever a Parliament should be called, a bill was to be introduced for ratifying this agreement. The King was prayed to give his royal assent thereto, and generally to concur. In consideration whereof he was prayed to accept of 12,000 acres out of the 95,000 assigned to the Earl. [*Copy. Three pages and a half.*]

Jan. 13. Tehidie. 28. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Has safely passed his London journey. Judge Byrd cannot hold a court without a marshal, therefore prays Nicholas to hasten a warrant to Thomas Peleyne, who will be thankful unto him. His neighbours of Penryn came home soon after him. They think that the writer juggled with Sir James Bagg and Nicholas to hold them to an obedience which the law would not have enforced, and that Nicholas Bloy is to be freed, paying only Robin Smith's fees. [*One page.*]

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Jan. 15. 29. Sec. Windebank to the [Bailiffs and others] of Ipswich. The King is very well satisfied with their proceedings and respect to his commandment in respiting the execution of Richard Suresby. They are forthwith to proceed to execution. [*Draft. Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 16. 30. Petition of Roger Jennings, Clerk, to the King. According to his Majesty's reference the Bishop of Exeter had made his certificate annexed, as showing the maliciousness of his adversary's prosecution. Prays a repeal of the presentation of his adversary Lane, obtained by unjust suggestions, and an order for petitioner's continuance in his incumbency. *Annexed,*

30. I. *Certificate of Bishop Hall, of Exeter, that petitioner had been convicted of simony after* 15 *years, upon the evidence of Lewis Parker, who is shown to be altogether untrustworthy, of Richard Chafe, his brother-in-law, who is interested in these suits against petitioner, and of Chafe's wife, a woman tainted with incontinency. Thinks petitioner should be relieved.*

Written under the petition,

30. II. *Reference to Bishop Hall and Lord Chief Justice Richardson, who, if they find petitioner a man of ability in his profession and conformable to the Church of England, are to take means for his relief.* [*Copies. Petition and other papers, two pages.*]

Jan. 16. 31. Certificate of John Milward, Captain of the Trained Band of the wards of Broad Street and Bassishaw, in London, that George Scott, grocer, finds to Milward's band one corselet with a pike furnished, and one musket with a headpiece furnished. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 16. Order of the King in Council that the great work of repairing St. Paul's should begin at the east end, and so proceed along on the south side unto the west end; also that letters should be written to the Justices of Peace in the several counties to quicken them in returning their accounts and to stir them up to contribute liberally. The Lord Keeper, Lord Privy Seal, Bishop Laud, Lord Cottington, and Secs. Coke and Windebank, were appointed a committee for this business. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 27. *One page.*]

Jan. 17. 32. Bond of Thomas Wren, servant to Essex Devereux, of Leigh Court, co. Worcester, and Robert Scargin, of St. Clement's, Temple Bar, cloth-worker, in 200*l.*, conditioned for the appearance of Thomas Wren before Sec. Windebank on the 7th February next, to answer such matters as shall be objected against him.

Jan. 17. 33. Dr. Thomas Rives, Thomas Fotherley, Edward Nicholas, William Alcock, and Richard Wyan, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report on such Vice-Admirals accounts as have been brought into the registry of the Admiralty. Only sixteen accounts brought in

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and in eight of them nothing coming to his Majesty, and in the rest but very little. The towns and private lords of manors have appropriated the greatest part of the sea-coasts within these Admiralties, and so take to themselves all wrecks and other Admiralty droits. Shall take exceptions to some of the accounts sent in, but cannot do so until they have spoken with some of the Vice-Admirals, nor can they propose any course for regulating them until the rest of the accounts come in. [*Three pages.*] *Annexed,*

33. I. *Note of such Vice-Admirals accounts as have been brought into the Registry, Anno* 1632. [*Five pages.*]

33. II. *Similar note of Vice-Admirals who have not brought in their accounts.* [*One page and three quarters.*]

33. III. *Account of incroachments upon the jurisdiction of the Admiralty on the sea-coast by towns corporate, lords of manors, and others, as the same appear in the certificates of the Vice-Admirals.* [*Fourteen pages.*]

Jan. 18. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. Kirke. The Surveyor of Marine Victuals having sent him a supply of a month's victuals for his own ship, and also for those under Capt. Plumleigh, he is to repair to the Brill, Goree, or other place in the Low Countries where Capt. Plumleigh's ships are, and to deliver them such supply. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 12 *a. Half a page.*]

Jan. 18. Harborough. 34. Dr. Sibthorpe to Mr. Pestill, in Packington. Received his letters and will be willing to satisfy the contents to the extent of his power, which is but little. Will ever appear to be sensible of any minister's case in the general. [*Copy, unsigned. Attributed to Dr. Sibthorpe in an indorsement in the handwriting of Sir John Lambe.* [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 19. Notes by Sec. Windebank of proceedings of the Lords of the Admiralty at their meeting this day. In Jolly's case of a ship taken by letters of marque granted by Lord Stirling, it is found that Lord Stirling could grant no such letters; the officers to give account of new ships above 500 tons; survey of the faults of the new ships to be brought in on Saturday next; Powick, a pirate, to be prosecuted; the King to be moved respecting incroachments on Admiralty jurisdiction by lords of manors, and when he will go to see the new ships launched; 29th January appointed. [*See Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 7. *Ten lines.*]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to [Officers of the Navy]. To give order that Sir William Courteen and Thomas Hackwell, owners of the Sun, of London, a Flemish bottom of 400 tons burthen, may furnish the same with 26 pieces of cast iron ordnance out of the founder's store at the usual market in East Smithfield. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 13. *Half a page.*]

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Jan. 19. Whitehall. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on a petition of Sir James Jolly, Baronet of Nova Scotia, to the King. He had taken the Hope, of Viana, and alleged that by sentence of the Admiralty she had been adjudged lawful prize, but the goods had been embezzled and sold at undervalues to his damage of 39,600*l.* Having misreported the Judge's sentence in his petition, he is left to prosecute the judgment given as he shall be advised. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 13 *a. Half a page.*]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Similar order on a petition of Henry Gildnor, shipwright. Petitioner prays order for payment of 72*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*, remaining due to him on his account for repairing in the year 1628 various ships employed in the King's service at Rochelle. Reference to the Officers of the Navy. [*Copy. Ibid. Half a page.*]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Similar order on a petition of Sir Robert Killigrew. Prisoner prays for a commission to examine witnesses in reference to a difference between Sir William Killigrew, petitioner's son, and Capt. Richard Bradshaw. The business has been referred to Sir Henry Marten, who if he see cause will grant a commission. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 14. *Half a page.*]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Similar order on a petition of Elizabeth Pett, widow and administratrix of Peter Pett, deceased. Petitioner prays to be allowed to have the benefit of the law against Capt. Phineas Pett, her late husband's brother, in respect of a judgment in the Exchequer for 327*l.*, being a debt to her late husband incurred 12 years ago. Capt. Pett is to see the petition and either satisfy petitioner or give the Lords an answer in three weeks why they should not leave petitioner to take her course at law. [*Copy. Ibid. Half a page.*]

Jan. 19. Whitehall. Similar order on the petition of Christopher Arnoull. Prays to be restored to his place of maker of cables at Woolwich, whence he was removed about 10 years since, and Mr. Burrell, lately deceased, put in authority, on the inducement of a Fleming now also deceased, who found out a new way for making cordage, which way will prove dangerous. Referred to the Officers of the Navy. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 14 *a. Half a page.*]

Jan. 19. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir Henry Marten. Send him letters and examinations concerning piracies committed by Capt. Powick and his company, some of them now being in custody. He is to take order for their trial. [*Copy. Ibid. Half a page.*]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. 35. Order of the King in Council, made on hearing the matter in difference between the Judges of the King's Bench, Common Pleas, and the Admiralty, touching the prohibitions in Admiralty causes. The Lords of the Admiralty and all the Judges of the Courts aforesaid are to confer with one another on Saturday next at the Council Chamber in Whitehall, and, if it may be, to adjust the business, or otherwise to adjourn it for his Majesty's determination. [*Half a page.*]

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Jan. 21. 36. The Council to the King's Counsel learned in the Law. A question having arisen between the Earl of Pembroke, Warden of the Stannaries, and the Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, relative to the jurisdiction of the Court of the Stannaries, the King has recommended the same to the consideration of the Judges. The persons addressed are to meet and hear all such proofs as shall be offered on the part of the Earl, and deliver their knowledge thereon to the two Chief Justices. [*Draft. Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 21. 37. Petition of the Company of Shipwrights to the King. They have hitherto been always accustomed to have their suits decided in a speedy way in the Court of Admiralty, where the ships they build or repair are by arrest liable to make them satisfaction, but now by the grant of prohibitions in the King's Bench, the ship is discharged, and petitioners have to contend with the master, who, proving poor and litigious, all that petitioners can get, after long suit, is but the imprisonment of his body. If this course be held, they must give over their trades. Pray redress. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 21. From his house at Sandyhaven. 38. Sir Thomas Button to Nicholas. If there be any speech of preparing ships for Ireland, intreats him to let their Lordships know that though the last year, in respect of his sickness and Capt. Thomas's trouble, they employed Capt. Plumleigh, yet now in their justice, that no man else may be appointed to invade the writer's right. If he hears anything of this business, prays him to acquaint Sir Thomas's uncle Carne, one of the Tellers, who will send an express messenger for Sir Thomas. There was in that harbour before Christmas a Biscayner of between 300 and 400 tons, with 180 men, but did no harm, since which there has been a shallop, which is sold here, as appears by the inclosed. She is one of the finest vessels to attend greater ships. Wishes she may be had for the King's service. [*One page. Sir Thomas inclosed the letter calendared in this volume, No.* 13.]

Jan. 21. 39. [Edward Viscount Conway] to Foulke Reed. Has daily complaints from Sir Nicholas Fortescue against Purser's sons, how they steal his poultry and otherwise offend him. Desires Reed to consider of the best way to put them out by Our Lady-day. Concerning repairs at Luddington, leaves it to him to appoint timber. [*Draft. One page.*]

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. To give order for launching the two new ships at Deptford and Woolwich on the 29th and 31st of this month. His Majesty purposes to be there present. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 14 *a. Quarter of a page.*]

Jan. 23. Whitehall. The same to Capt. Kirke. Cannot imagine why he has not received the month's supply for the fleet, the same having been sent, as the victualler says, about a fortnight since. Capt. Plumleigh's victuals being near spent, Capt. Kirke is immediately to carry over to Brill or Goree the part he has received. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 15. *Half a page.*]

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Jan. 23. 40. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to Henry Coghill, the Sheriff. Certificate of measures taken for relief of the poor within the half hundred of Hitchin, and part of the hundred of Broadwater. [*One page.*]

Jan. 24. 41. Petition of Benjamin Bowden, ship-master, and three mariners, to the Lords Committees for the Fishing. Petitioners were employed in December last by the Adventurers of the Fishing Company to go to Ostend, and thence bring a buss, bought for the use of the Adventurers, to London. On the 15th December, being aboard the buss, they were captured by a man-of-war of Enckhuysen, the buss taken from them, and themselves put in irons, stripped of their clothes and carried to Flushing. There the buss was condemned for lawful prize, and they themselves would have perished for want of food but for one of their countrymen, whom they met. Pray satisfaction for their losses. [*One page.*]

Jan. 24. 42. Notes by Nicholas of business to be considered at a meeting of the Council of the Society for Fishing. Oath drawn by Mr. Attorney for the Commons of the Society, to be approved and registered; a room to be appointed for the clerks and their servants; also a messenger; oath to be taken by the Judges and Ministers of the Society to be prepared; the Earls of Arundel and Roxburgh not yet sworn. [*Draft. One page.*]

[Jan. 24.] 43. Another similar paper of notes, but with several variations. [*One page.*]

Jan. 24. Star Chamber. Minute of proceedings at the meeting of the same Council. The number of those present who were mentioned in the Letters Patent being very small, the reading of the same was postponed and the Council adjourned until the 5th February next. [*Draft in the handwriting of Nicholas. See Vol.* ccxxi., *No.* 23. *Half a page.*]

Jan. 24. Copy of the same. [*See Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 40. *Half a page.*]

Jan. 25. 44. Petition of Edmund Panton, girdler, of London, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Embarked with goods to the value of 38*l.* for Dort, in the George, of that place. Being taken by the Sanctus Franciscus, of Dunkirk, he was put aboard an oyster boat, of Rochester, which the Dunkirker had taken and rifled, and was thus deprived of his whole estate. Prays them to write favourably on his behalf to the Archduchess's Ambassador. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 25. 45. Officers of the Navy to the same. Recommend John Hodyern for Master Carpenter of the new ship lately built at Woolwich, especially because he had wrought upon the same throughout her being built. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

45. I. *Capt. Phineas Pett to the Officers of the Navy. Begs them to certify the Lords of the Admiralty in favour of John Hodyern, who had been his apprentice, and was fit to take charge of building a ship, and "so also a pretty "mariner."* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Jan. 25. 46. List of causes specially appointed to be heard in the Star Chamber this day. They comprise Nicholas Bacon *versus* Sir Henry Anderson and others; John Flackett *versus* Sir John Fitzherbert and others; John Williams *alias* Vaughan *versus* Francis Smalman and another; Hugh Wickstead *versus* William Constantine and others. [*Three quarters of page.*]

Jan. 25. 47. Notes by Sec. Windebank of the evidence and judgment given in the case of Nicholas Bacon, of Gray's Inn, *versus* Sir Henry Anderson, above mentioned. The defendants were charged with a conspiracy to drive the plaintiff out of "the town," and with that view wrongfully impounding his horses and assaulting himself. Sir Henry Anderson and his son Henry were fined 300*l.* apiece. [*Three pages.*]

Jan. 25. 48. Statement of Sir Henry Marten of the several cases in which it was desired that the Judges of the King's Bench and Common Pleas would forbear to grant prohibitions against the Court of Admiralty. [*In the margin are notes by Sec. Windebank, probably derived from the argument of Sir Henry Marten at the meeting before the Lords of the Admiralty on the 26th inst. Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of the Lords of the Admiralty, the Judges of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, with Sir Henry Marten, attended by the Attorney General, concerning the granting of prohibitions to stay causes in the Court of Admiralty. The speeches of Lord Chief Justice Richardson, Sir Henry Marten, and the Attorney General are stated. Certain cases were urged by the two latter, in which it was alleged that it would be for the public good that prohibitions should not be issued (those mentioned in the last paper calendared), and finally it was agreed that the legal persons above mentioned should meet on the following Tuesday and agree upon the points in difference as councillors to his Majesty, without respect to the interests of their several Courts, their agreement to be submitted to his Majesty by the Lords of the Admiralty for his final determination. [*Three pages. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 15.]

Jan. 26. 49. Copy of the above as settled by Nicholas. [*Five pages.*]

Jan. 26. 50. Another copy thereof. [*Four pages and a half.*]

Jan. 26. 51. Notes by Sec. Windebank of the speech of Lord Chief Justice Richardson at the conference touching prohibitions. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 26. 52. Sir Sampson Darrell to the Lords of the Admiralty. Answer to the petition of Thomas Osborne. There is no such office as the King's biscuit baker. Osborne and his predecessors were permitted to dwell in the house in question only during pleasure. Sets forth various wrongs committed by Osborne, and prays order for delivery of the premises. [*Indorsed by Nicholas as received this day. One page.*]

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Jan. 26. 53. Petition of Sir John Drake and William Drake his brother, late collectors of the tenths of prize goods brought into Bristol and the several ports of cos. Devon, Dorset, and Somerset, to the Lords of the Admiralty. They have been at great charges about collecting the tenths above mentioned, and are only allowed 5*l.* per cent. upon the net money. Pray additional allowance of 50*l.* apiece. [*One page.*]

Jan. 26. 54. Petition of Clais Cornellison Bours and Company, merchants of Horne in Holland, and owners of the Young Swan, of that place, to the same. The Young Swan was let to freight to George Rookes and Robert Grove, merchants of London on 14th July 1628, for a voyage to Ireland, and thence to the Canaries. On her return Rookes and Grove refused to pay the freight, whereupon petitioners commenced a suit in the Admiralty Court. After nine months suit Rookes and Grove procured a prohibition from the King's Bench, whereby the proceedings in the Admiralty are stopped. Pray for an order to Sir Henry Marten to proceed to trial and sentence. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 26. 55. Petition of Edward Tasker to the same. Petitioner having furnished, for the building of a lighter, timber to the value of 8*l.* to John Maiors, who is since dead, and having proceeded in the Admiralty against the lighter, John Gale, pretending himself to be its owner, has moved the King's Bench for a prohibition. Prays an order for staying the same. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Order of Lords of the Admiralty on the petition of William Davile, solicitor of his Majesty's causes in the Admiralty, to the same. In Trinity term last, a Biscay ship was brought into Weymouth, and adjudged to his Majesty as pirate's goods. The Deputy Vice-Admiral has given no account of the ship or lading, notwithstanding a commission was granted for sale thereof. Petitioner prayed letters to the Judge to issue commission for sale to such Commissioners as the Lords should think fit. Referred to Sir Henry Marten to do according to justice. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii, *fol.* 15 *a. Half a page.*]

Jan. 26. Leigh Court. 56. Sir Walter Devereux to Sec. Windebank. Although he conceived the charge against his servant, Thomas Wren, to be very slender, for his own better safety, he thought fit to send him to Sir John Buck to be examined, and upon the proofs made, he has committed him to jail until the Assizes, unless he can procure two subsidy men to be bound for his appearance. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Inclosed,*

56. I. *Examination of Thomas Wren, and on the same paper, information against him of Ralph Moore taken before Sir John Buck. The charge was that Wren being at supper with his fellow servants said that King James was a beggar before he came out of Scotland, and that this King is little better than a fool.* 1633, *Jan.* 23. [*One page.*]

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Jan. 26. 57. Certificate of the Officers of the Navy of the sufficiency of Thomas Smith to be cook in one of the new ships. [*One page.*]

Jan. 27. 58. Sir George Booth to the Council. On receipt of his Majesty's printed book of directions for restraining alehouses and maltsters in the time of scarcity, Thomas Blackborne, of Latchford, was limited not to make above 20 Winchester bushels of barley into malt per week. Making weekly 60, 70, or 80 Winchester bushels he was suppressed at their sessions. He had since taken a house in Lancashire, near to Warrington, to make malt in, besides continuing to malt at his own house in Dunham, and he buys in the market in a forestalling way, to the great prejudice of the poor. Prays that he may be suppressed from malting, or that the writer may call him for it into the Star Chamber. [*One page.*]

Jan 28. Donington. 59. Henry Earl of Huntingdon to the same. Understanding how nobly they had dealt to vindicate the reputation of Sir John Skeffington, one of his deputy lieutenants, in co. Leicester, from the undeserved reproaches of Sir Arthur Haselrig, divers times returned for his inconformities to his Majesty's service, the Earl desires to know the objections that are against himself, and in what way he ought to tender his justification. [*One page.*]

Jan. 28. Tehidic. 60. Francis Bassett to Nicholas. Has caused the Lords' warrant to be this day delivered to John Randall, so that he has eleven days for his appearance. Has also caused some examinations to be taken before Mr. Byrd. Has sent his Admiralty accounts, and the money due thereon. Hopes to obtain allowance for his disbursements in the business of Sir John Wentworth. Is very much comforted to hear of the good affection between Nicholas and the writer's best friend, Mr. Attorney. [*One page.*]

Jan. 28. Chichester. 61. William Neville to Sir John Thoroughgood, at his house in Brewer's Lane, near Charing Cross. Presumes that he has had further conference with Lord Conway, on behalf of the writer's nieces. On 13 February 1630, he paid to Edmund Cooke, for the debt of Lord Conway, 129*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*, the interest of which comes yearly to 10*l.* odd shillings. Has Lord Conway's counterbond of 400*l.* If Sir John thinks fit to put the counterbond in suit, the writer begs to be informed. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 28. 62. Orders for the Foreign Postmasters and Packet Posts. In consequence of complaints, both of Ministers of State and merchants, it is thought fit to send no more letters by carriers who come and go at pleasure, but, in conformity with other nations, to erect "staffette," or packet posts at fit stages, to run day and night without ceasing, and to be governed by the orders in this paper. Among them it is provided that the foreign postmasters shall take the oaths of supremacy and allegiance, shall have an office in London, and shall give notice at what time the public are to bring their letters. A register is to be kept of the writers or bringers of all letters, and of the parties to whom they are sent. The letters are

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to be put into a packet or budget, which is to be locked up, and sealed with the postmaster's known seal, and to be sent off so that it may reach Dover while there is sufficient daylight for passage over sea the same day. Various other minute regulations are laid down, both for the carriage of the packets to Dover, the sailing of the passage-barks to Calais, and the transmission from stage to stage. The course to be adopted with letters received from beyond seas is laid down with equal minuteness. Letters for the Government and Foreign Ministers residing here were to be immediately delivered to them, after which a roll or table of all other letters was to be set up in the office for every man to view and demand his letters. [*Eight pages and a half.*]

Jan. 28. 63. First draft by Sec. Coke of the preceding orders. [*Nine pages.*]

Jan. 28. Star Chamber. 64. Certificate of Lord Chief Justice Richardson and Sir William Jones in a cause between the Attorney General *versus* Thomas Overman and others. According to an order of reference, they have heard this matter, and think the defendants ought to make answer to all parts of the information, to which they have pleaded and demurred. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 28. 65. Examination of George Gardyner, Attorney in the King's Bench, in the handwriting of Sec. Windebank, concerning a letter written to him by Ellen Underwood, prisoner in the Fleet. The letter contained passages relating to speeches against his Majesty, and concerning Thomas Browne, alleged to have been murdered in the Fleet by Thomas Field and others for complaining of the exactions of the warden. Gardyner is solicitor in a cause for Underwood against Dr. John Hart, son of Richard Hart, proctor in the Arches. A person alluded to in the letter is Edward Morgan, a Romish recusant censured in the Star Chamber for accusing the Judges of a particular circuit of treason, for which his ears were nailed to the pillory. Examinant is prosecuting the warden's servants, John Murray and Thomas Mainwaring, for the murder of Browne. All the witnesses respecting the same are by the warden turned out from the charity of the house, and are ready to starve. [*One page. Indorsed is a note of Sec. Windebank of further information obtained from an examination of Morgan at Mr. Attorney's chamber, on 2 March* 1633.]

Jan. 28. 66. Note of the appointment by the King, on 15 December 1629, of Paul Micklethwaite, D.D., to the office of Master of the Temple, with opinion as to the nature of his incumbency, the funds for his maintenance, and the character of the jurisdiction attached to his office. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 28. 67. Suggestions for a proclamation offering pardons, on payment of a composition, to such as, contrary to statute of 5 Elizabeth, exercise any art or mystery without having served an apprenticeship. [*Three quarters of a page. In an indorsement by Sec. Windebank, it is attributed to Sir Alexander Gordon.*]

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Jan. 29. Whitehall. 68. Sir Robert Killigrew to Sec. Windebank. Sends the directions which his Majesty gave the Sec. yesterday, in writing, because the Sec. had said that at that time his head was full of business and he might forget them. Sends likewise the letter directed to the Commissioners of Sewers in co. Lincoln, which he begs him to dispatch as quietly as he can. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 30. 69. Petition of Isaac Thornbury, deputy to William Marlott, deputy Vice-Admiral of Sussex, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Sets forth circumstances which indicated an unwillingness in Henry Chitty, the Mayor of Chichester, to assist petitioner in arresting John Powick, captain of a ship in that harbour, with his company, who were suspected of piracy. Petitioner succeeded in arresting two of them, Anthony Price and Fiennes Miller, whereupon they arrested him in two actions of 500*l.* apiece. The Mayor kept petitioner many hours in custody before he would accept of sufficient bail, and in the meantime Powick and his shipping made their escape. [*One page and a quarter.*]

69. I. *Affidavit of Isaac Thornbury, in which the circumstances stated in his petition are recapitulated and enlarged, upon oath.* 1633, *Jan.* 30. [*Two pages and a half.*]

[Jan. 30?] 70. Recital of the contents of the preceding petition of Isaac Thornbury, probably intended as part of the draft of an order to be made thereon. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

Jan. 30. 71. Edward Lascelles, William Brissenden, and others, to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Fifth Lion's Whelp is not fit for service in the case she now is; 5*l.* will be necessary to bring her to a harbour where she may be fitted for sea. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 30. 72. Certificate of the Officers of the Navy of the sufficiency of Richard Cooke, late boatswain of the Bear, to execute the office of boatswain in any of his Majesty's ships of the third, fourth, or fifth rank. [*Half a page.*]

Jan. 31. Durham House. 73. Lord Keeper Coventry and Attorney General Noy to Richard Holbrooke, Vicar of St. Giles, in Northampton. Directions were lately given by his Majesty to cause search to be made what benefices in or since the 30th year of Queen Elizabeth were held under presentation of that Queen or her successors, and have since been presented to by others. The Bishop of Peterborough having reported this to be the case with the living held by Holbrooke, he is to acquaint his patron with this letter, and before the second week in Easter Term, both of them are to attend the writers and produce their title. If they fail to give satisfaction of his patron's right to the advowson a legal suit will be commenced against Holbrooke and his patron. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Jan. 31. 74. Capt. Dawtry Cooper to Nicholas. The inclosed shows the conclusion of such passages as have been between him and the

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Lords of Ireland concerning his mutinous officers. Prays him to show the Lords of the Admiralty the truth. If the Lords will have him perform the service he ought, he must have other officers, for these fellows have been so grounded in knavery that he believes they cannot be honest if they would, especially his master and boatswain, of the continuance of whose misconduct he gives several examples. On his boatswain he has ineffectually used both persuasions and the cudgel. [*Two pages.*] *Inclosed,*

74. I. *Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lord President of Munster. State the circumstances of the contention between the Captain of the Ninth Whelp and William Brooke, the master. Hold it not fit that the Captain should turn off a person so useful for his Majesty's service without directions from the Lords of the Admiralty. Castle of Dublin,* 1632, *Dec.* 11.

Jan. 31. Bristol. 75. William Brooke to Kenrick Edisbury. Intreats his help in the strange passages between the writer and Captain Cooper. He being writing, the writer asked whether he meant well to him ward. He came presently and whispered in his ear, that by those lines he would bring the writer to the gallows, yet if he would put 50 pieces presently in his pocket he would write nothing. Relates various instances of the violence of Capt. Cooper, and very urgently appeals to Edisbury to assist him to leave the ship, but with credit. [*One page.*]

Jan. 31. Bristol. 76. The same to Nicholas. Reports various circumstances stated in the preceding letter, and begs Nicholas to speak for him against Capt. Cooper's accusations, which are untrue in every point. Desires only to go off with credit. [*One page.*]

Jan. 31. 77. Examination of William Prynne, of Lincoln's Inn, taken before Attorney General Noy. The book entitled Histrio Mastix, or Players Scourge or Actors Tragedy, was made and composed by himself, and first of all written by himself with his own hand, and the notes in the margin are of his handwriting. He spake with none but Michael Sparke about printing the book, and had nothing for the copies but only 35 or 36 books when they were printed. He sent a copy of the book to the Archbishop of Canterbury's chaplain, Mr. Buckner, who used to examine books before they came to the press. He told examinant that he could not perfectly read the copies, and desired that he might see the sheets as they were printed, which were sent to him. In one page Mr. Buckner signified his dislike, and thereupon that page, which is page 707, with that half sheet, was new printed. The first part of the book was printed before the end of last Easter Term, the second part in Michaelmas Term. The preliminary Epistles were composed by examinant. A great part of the work was composed about seven years past. [*Copy. In the handwriting of Robert Reade, secretary to Sec. Windebank. One page.*]

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Jan. 79. Minute of a suit of George Raymond to the King. His Majesty, on the motion of the Earl Marshal, having promised Raymond a pardon in case he should be indicted for manslaughter at the next assizes in co. Gloucester, his suit now is that order should be given to the Judges to forbear conviction in case he should be found guilty, his lands being held of mesne Lords to whom they would escheat after his conviction. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Jan. 80. Minute of a letter to be written to the Judges of the King's Bench and the Justices of Assize for co. Gloucester, in conformity with the above application. George Raymond had been found guilty by the coroner's inquest of the manslaughter of Richard Reeve, *per infortuniam.* [*Indorsed is a note of Sec. Windebank under this date, that the King gave him order to write the above letter, and that he did so on 5 February* 1633. *He adds that this suit was recommended by the Lord Marshal to his Majesty "when he went into the Low Countries, upon St. John's day in "Christmas holidays." Half a page.*]

Jan. 81. Certificate of Justices of Peace for Middlesex of the number of alehouses suppressed in 1630, and the number since and at present licensed in St. Andrew's Holborn, Saffron Hill, and Field Lane, St. Dunstan's parish for that part of Chancery Lane which is in Middlesex, Marylebone, Paddington, Kentish Town, and Hampstead. In High Holborn the number of alehouses was 43, in part of Chancery Lane and in Shire Lane 20, in Marylebone 3, in Paddington 3, in Kentish Town 7, in Hampstead 3. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Jan. 82. Complaint of [William Earl of Exeter], Lord Lieutenant of co. Northampton, of the misconduct of the messengers Crosse, Knowles, and another one unnamed, in relation to the defaulters at musters in that county. The messengers turned their several warrants against twelve defaulters all over to Knowles, who received the money of five, and made no return as to seven. [*One page.*]

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Feb. 1. 1. B. Muller to Sec. Coke. Sends him copy of the letter of the Lords of Scotland to his Majesty, and begs him to speak about it to his Majesty. The writer will call upon the Sec. on the subject to-morrow evening to hear what his Majesty has ordered. He was about to depart to-morrow and has sent his baggage to Gravesend, but will send to the captain to procure him to stay until Wednesday. If he can take some answer with him he will leave

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the rest of the affair in the hands of Mr. Ashwell. They will do everything in their power to satisfy his Majesty if their ships and goods are restored to them. Fr. [*One page and a half.*]

Feb. 2. Millbrook. 2. Ralph Byrd, Judge of the Admiralty of Cornwall, to Nicholas. The bearer, Robert Smith, will bring proofs made before the writer of the misdemeanors of John Randall, marshal of Cornwall. For the matter that he was indicted for at Launceston, that by colour of his office he took away from a merchant some money, Mr. Smith will get a copy of the record from the Clerk of the Assizes. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 2. 3. Notes in Nicholas's handwriting of business to be submitted to the Lords of the Admiralty. The Judges with Sir Henry Marten and Mr. Attorney were to attend the Lords about prohibitions, and the Officers of the Navy to account why they sent not their opinions, as well as those of the Trinity House and the shipwrights, in reference to the two new ships, and how it came to pass that those ships are so much overbuilt; the shipwrights that built them were also to show why they built them so much bigger than was directed; Sir Sampson Darrell was to account why the victuals for Capt. Plumleigh were no sooner sent aboard; Mr. Austen desires to know what he is to do with the trawls he has taken; the fishermen begin again to trawl, but so as he cannot come at them; to consider whether the Commission for saltpetre shall be renewed; to settle the difference about the cupplement of men to be allowed for the King's ships; the Officers desire to know what shall be done concerning the estimate of Extraordinaries for the Navy. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 4. Westminster. 4. The King to the Earls of Lindsey and Lincoln, Montagu Lord Willoughby, and the rest of the Commissioners of Sewers for co. Lincoln. He has heretofore signified to them his resolution to have the whole level of fens in co. Lincoln drained. The part which lies on the north-east side of the Witham has been proceeded with, and the rest of the level, the Eight Hundred Fen excepted, is likely by the King's particular direction to be undertaken. The Eight Hundred Fen has been hitherto excepted in respect of a particular right which the King conceives he has therein, and for other reasons, but the King is now pleased that the same shall be drained in a work by itself. He therefore appoints Sir Robert Killigrew and William Lockton to be undertakers for draining the same, requiring the Commissioners forthwith to proceed to make a bargain with them. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 4. 5. Copy of the preceding. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 4. 6. Draft of the same. [*One page and a half. It is stated in an indorsement, which has been subsequently struck out, that "this letter was dispatched here [at the Sec.'s Office?], and is not "entered at the Signet Office."*]

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Feb. 4. Whitehall. Minutes of proceedings of the Lords of the Admiralty this day on the subject of prohibitions. Attorney General Noy presented to the Lords an accommodation, signed by the Judges of the King's Bench and Common Pleas, substantially yielding the points in question, but not affirming the legality of the claims made on behalf of the Court of Admiralty, to which certain exceptions were on that account made by Sir Henry Marten. The Lords resolved to attend the King thereon. [*One page and a half. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 18 *a.*]

Feb. 4. 7. Copy of the preceding minute, with the exception of the accommodation signed by the Judges. [*One page.*]

Feb. 4. 8. Copy of the exceptions to the accommodation made by Sir Henry Marten. [*Half a page.*]

[Feb. 4.] 9. Memorial by the Officers of the Admiralty, praying the King to declare by an Act of State, in accordance with the exceptions taken by Sir Henry Marten, that the Court of Admiralty is the proper court for cognizance of causes of the several natures mentioned in the accommodation signed by the Judges. [*One page.*]

[Feb. 4.] 10. Copy of the preceding. [*Two pages and a half.*]

[Feb. 4.] 11. Reasons against prohibitions to the Admiralty in suits relating to wages of mariners, freight or hire of ships, or building, repair, or victualling of ships. [*Three pages and three quarters.*]

Feb. 4. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir John Heydon. To survey the remains of powder and shot, and other gunners' stores on board the Henrietta, and supply the wants thereof. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 17. *Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 4. Whitehall. The same to the same. Gerard Dalby being appointed master gunner of the Henrietta, in place of John Hickes, now master gunner of the Adventure, Sir John is to deliver over the gunners' stores in the Henrietta, by indenture, to Dalby. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 17 *a. One third of a page.*]

Feb. 4. Whitehall. The same to the same. Similar letter to deliver over the gunners' stores of the Adventure to John Hickes, appointed to that ship in place of Nicholas Ridgeway, now master gunner of the new ship built at Deptford. [*Copy. Ibid. One third of a page.*]

Feb. 4. Whitehall. The same to [the Officers of the Navy]. To give warrant to the Treasurer of the Navy to make speedy payment to the Earl of Morton, Vice-Admiral of his Majesty's fleet in the expedition to Rochelle, of five nobles per diem, from 24 August 1628, to the end of that service. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 18 *a. One third of a page.*]

Feb. 4. Wallingford House. 12. Lord Treasurer Weston to the Farmers and Officers of the Customs in the port of London, and to Capt. Mince [Mennis?]. Warrant, on information from the French Ambassador, to deliver to Lucas Palud certain cloth, coverings, and six pair of worsted stockings, seized in the Louis, of Cameret. [*One page.*]

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Feb. 4. The Victory, in Margate Road. 13. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty. The supply of victuals sent by the St. Dennis came very opportunely, though not in that proportion the Lords expected. The whole fleet is now arrived, and to-morrow he resolves to put into the Downs to attend their further pleasure. Their proportion of victuals is now only for nine days. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 4. The Victory, in Margate Road. 14. The same to Sec. Coke. Excuses his not having written by the messengers that have come into England since his departure. He remained at Helford sluse [Helvoetsluys], and they were dispatched from the Hague, of which he had no knowledge. Will not labour to excuse himself from any imputation of neglect which the Lord Marshal laid upon him at setting out; he is confident his Lordship will wipe out that blot with his own hand. When the writer omits any opportunity to serve his Majesty, he is (without any plea) worthy to be hanged. If the fleet is to be continued abroad, the victualler must speedily relieve them. If the St. Dennis had not come in the very nick, they must have fed on such sudden entertainment as Holland could have given them, which would have been much short of the King's allowance. Is heartily sorry it was not his happiness to conduct the Queen over. [*One page.*]

Feb. 4. Whitehall. Orders of the Commissioners of Pious Uses, made upon conference with Inigo Jones, as to the best ways and means for carrying on the repairs of St. Paul's. Inigo Jones was appointed surveyor, which he undertook *gratis*, nominating Edward Carter his substitute, with a fee of 5*s.* per diem; Michael Griggs was nominated paymaster; the stone was to be provided from the third bed of Oxfordshire stone, or of the soft quarry of Portland stone; the work was not to be begun until there was 10,000*l.* "ready in bank;" and a yearly account of the work was to be rendered at the Council Chamber at Whitehall on All Souls Day, being the 2nd of November, at two in the afternoon. [*Four pages. See Vol.* ccxiii., *fol.* 28.]

Feb 4. 15. Depositions of Maria Tucker, Alicia Craddock, and Maria Wake, in a cause in some ecclesiastical court, wherein Margaret Beale was a party. The suit related to a presumed criminal intercourse between James Beale, husband of Margaret, and one Sarah Wood. The parties resided in Westminster. Sarah Wood had denied the offence charged, and had produced various compurgators. One of the witnesses had sworn that James Beale was in Holland. It appearing that he was at Chelsea, the witness was challenged with his perjury, and stated in reply that Beale was in a Holland shirt, and in Holland sheets, and in a Holland night-cap. [*Ten pages.*]

Feb. 4. 16. Receipt of William Caldwall from Edward Nicholas for 10*l.*, a quarter's rent for his house in King Street, Westminster.

Feb. 5. 17. Names of persons of quality to whom the King before Christmas gave leave for their stay in London at the request of the

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Earl of Holland, with the reasons represented on their behalf. They are the Earl of Stamford, Sir Thomas Cheke, Sir George Fane, Sir Thomas Hutchinson, who removed to London with his lady while his country house was in building, and she is since brought to bed and cannot be removed; Sir John Cutts, who married a wife in London before Christmas, and desires some time to stay there; Lady Dorothy Chicheley, and Lord Fauconberge. [*From the indorsement of Sec. Windebank it appears that this list was delivered to him by the Earl of Holland, with a view to the persons named being spared prosecution by the Attorney General. Windebank states that he submitted it to the King, "who gave way for them all except Lord "Fauconberge and Sir Thomas Hutchinson, and added to them "Lady Dymock and Sir Humphrey Mildmay." One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 5. 18. Extract from the charter of the Cathedral of Wells of the clauses concerning the election of the canons residentiary. [*One page and a half.*]

Feb. 5. 19. Notes upon the power given by the charter of Wells Cathedral to the Dean and Chapter, and their claim to bring in prebendaries at large to be canons. [*Two pages.*]

Feb. [6 ?]. 20. Sec. Windebank to the Benchers of both Societies of the Temple. On a petition of Dr. Paul Micklethwaite, Master of the Temple and one of the King's chaplains, it is his Majesty's pleasure that the persons addressed advise together and set down the grounds why they call Dr. Micklethwaite's rectory into question, and detain from him the profit belonging thereto. [*One page.*]

Feb. 7. Westminster. 21. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter. The King is informed by petition of Lawrence Burnell, one of his chaplains in ordinary, that having been a residentiary in Exeter Cathedral for eight or nine years, there is of late one Hugh Cholmeley admitted into his place on pretence of simony, but such a simony as was warranted by precedent, and approved by the then Bishop of the diocese. The King refers the hearing of the business to the Lord Keeper and Bishop Laud, and charges the Dean and Chapter in the meantime to sequester the profits of the said place. [*One page and three quarters. Copy.*]

Feb. 7. Laundesbrough [Londesborough.] 22. Francis Earl of Cumberland and Henry Lord Clifford, Lord Lieutenants of Cumberland, Westmoreland, and Northumberland, to the Council. Report the state of the arms of those counties, and the endeavours making to bring them into the same condition in that respect as the other counties of the kingdom. In Northumberland until of late they never knew any other arms than such as were in use on the borders in time of hostility between them and Scotland. In Cumberland they would by no means give assent to the payment of the muster-master until they had some service done by him. Colonel Farrar, muster-master of Westmoreland, will attend their Lordships with a servant of the writers, to give information. [*Two pages.*]

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Feb. 7. 23. Stephen Goffe to Henry Earl of Dover. In the beginning of the last summer Lord Vere gave the writer order to read the prayers of the Church of England, which gave great contentment to his regiment. Only one of the officers forsook the Church, and within few days the State was made acquainted with the change, as if some new and superstitious thing had been introduced. Counsel was taken by the factious English and Scottish ministers to admonish the writer to desist. Ultimately he was complained of to the States as an innovator and troubler of the Church, and his stipend of 30*l.* per annum, payable to him by the States as chaplain to Lord Vere, was for a time cut off. On the interference of Lord Vere, and the writer's promise not to do anything against the peace of the Netherlands Church, the payment was resumed, and the writer determined to continue to read prayers whether the 30*l.* was paid or not, being of opinion that so good a work must not be forsaken for the hazard of that. [*Two pages. Indorsed by Bishop Laud.*]

Feb. 8. 24. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Certify to them the circumstances of the strange passages between Capt. Dawtry Cooper and the master, boatswain, and gunner of the Ninth Whelp. Send a certificate of the ship's company and the copy letter from the Lords Justices of Ireland to the Lord President of Munster, *Vol.* ccxxxi., *No.* 74. I., and submit the case to their judgment. [*One page.*]

Feb. 8. 25. Note of causes specially appointed to be heard in the Star Chamber. The first of them was that of Henry Sherfield, recorder of Salisbury, "for a profane act in defacing the ornaments of the "church." Sec. Windebank has added notes of the opinions of the several Lords then present as to the judgment to be passed. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

Feb. 9. 26. Nicholas Rainton, Lord Mayor of London, to the Council. Has called before him the Master, Wardens, and others of the Company of Fishmongers, who have certified the stores they had last year, and those that are now in their hands, which he incloses. There is a general advance of provision this year. Will regulate the prices of fish according to such old rates as may carry any reasonable proportion with the present state of that commodity. If their Lordships would restrain the inordinate selling of flesh in the skirts of the City, the fishmongers would be encouraged to make a more plentiful provision. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

26. I. *Certificate of the Wardens of the Company of Fishmongers of such salt stores as are in the hands of the several persons of that company. Of dried ling the number was* 122,100*; of wet cod,* 199,000*; of salmon,* 45 *lasts; of white herrings,* 189 *lasts; of red herrings,* 312 *lasts; of sprats,* 238 *lasts.* [*Copy, attested by Hamlet Clarke. One page.*]

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Feb. 9. 27. Phineas Pett to the Lords of the Admiralty. Answer to the petition of his sister, the widow of his brother Peter Pett. The debt was incurred by his building in his brother's yard two ships for the expedition against the pirates of Algiers. Explains the great loss he suffered in that expedition. States the payments he has made to his sister on account, and offers to pay the debt by instalments of 50*l.* per annum. [*One page.*]

Feb. 9. Hung Road. 28. Capt. Dawtry Cooper to the same. Has now sent to Mr. Nicholas papers from which he can show the Lords the truth in the dispute with his officers. Rests assured they will either send him, or give him leave to take, such officers as may enable him to do the service they expect. Desires to return to Ireland immediately, but cannot go till his purser comes over from Waterford with the pay, without which it would be death to his company to go out again, for some of his crew have no clothes to shift them. Reports on the state of his ship, and if they will but give him honest officers he should be ashamed to look them in the face if Norman or any other pirate should reign so long on the coast of Ireland as his Admiral, Nutt, did. [*One page and a half.*]

Feb. 9. Hung Road. 23. The same to Nicholas. Sends various papers which are to be delivered first to the Earl of Dorset. Wishes to receive two lines from him. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. London. 30. John Browne to the same. Prays him to move the Lords of the Admiralty that James Allen, gunner of the Constant Reformation, may be sent to Marseilles and Genoa, to prove some pieces of ordnance that he had sent thither. They intend to prove them there with a far greater proof than is used here, and by that means would break most of the pieces sent, to the writer's exceeding loss, and to the great disgrace of the English pieces, by which the manufacture would be much damnified. The Swedish merchant sends a gunner along with his pieces to prevent this danger. [*One page. Signature cut off, probably in binding.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. 31. Notes by Nicholas of business to be transacted by the Lords of the Admiralty this day. To resolve what ships shall be appointed for guard of the Narrow Seas this year; the number of men now on those seas is 850, and the ordinary will bear but 450. To settle the guard for the Irish coast now the Lord Deputy is in town. What Austen is to do with the trawls. John Langham, a linen-draper, attends to answer the complaint of Thornhill, the saltpetre-man. Thornbury's petition against the Mayor of Chichester. Order not to permit any man-of-war of what nation soever to come above Gravesend without licence, with various other matters. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 9. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to William Bond, Nicholas Gibbon, Giles Green, Edward Dacombe, William Newport, John Dyke, James Smythier, and James Stayner. The Lords are informed by the

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States Ambassador here, that the Salmon, of Amsterdam, John Arreson, master, wast cast ashore in November last in the Isle of Purbeck, where Francis Chaldecott and William his son (near whose lands the said misfortune happened) and divers others, seized great part of the ship and her lading. A commission having been issued to the persons addressed, and Francis Chaldecott, William Chaldecott, Philip Pettin, John Belin, Charles Weekes, Nicholas Pettin, and Nicholas Heyward refusing to deliver such goods unless they may have a moiety thereof, which the Lords conceive an unreasonable demand, the persons addressed are not only to execute their commission, but also to bind over Francis Chaldecott and the others who refuse reasonable recompense, to appear before the Lords on some day in next month. [*Copy. One page. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 17 *a.*]

Feb. 9. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to William Bond, &c. Another letter of a similar purport to the preceding, but addressed to William Bond and the rest, as authorized by Sir John Banks, Lord of the Isle of Purbeck, and not as acting under a commission from the Court of Admiralty. [*Minute. Ibid., fol.* 18. *Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 9. Whitehall. The same to ·———. Warrant to bring Francis Chaldecott, William Chaldecott, Philip Pettin, Nicholas Pettin, John Belin, Charles Weekes, and Nicholas Heyward, before the Lords of the Admiralty to answer such things as shall be objected against them. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 18 *a. Third of a page.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. The same to Robert Smith and Henry Kyme, Messengers of the Chamber. Similar warrant to bring Henry Chitty, Mayor of Chichester, before the Lords. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 18 *a. Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. The same to Lord Keeper Coventry. Certificate that Dennis Fleming had served as Clerk of the Navy for the year 1630, and was entitled to a writ of liberate for 3*s.* 4*d.* per diem for his travelling expenses, and 6*l.* for boat hire, amounting as it is calculated to 67*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 19 *a. Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. The same to the same. Similar certificate for the year 1631. [*Minute. Ibid., fol.* 20. *Three lines.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. The same to the same. Similar certificate for the year 1632. [*Minute. Ibid., fol.* 20. *Three lines.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. The same to Sir John Heydon. To survey the Charles and the Henrietta, lately built and now launched, and supply them with ordnance, carriages, and ammunition, out of his Majesty's stores. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 20. *Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. The same to [Thomas Austen], Captain of the Henrietta. The Lords are informed that much fullers' earth, wool, and other prohibited goods, and also uncustomed goods, are frequently trans-

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ported by stealth out of the Thames and Medway, which the person addressed is appointed to guard. Cordage is also stolen from his Majesty's ships and stores, which could not be done if he were as careful as he ought. He is required to apply himself with more diligence, and to that purpose is to go aboard and search all suspected ships. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 20 *a. Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. Lords of the Admiralty to [Sir John Heydon]. To survey the gunner's store of the fort at Milton, near Gravesend, and supply such quantities of powder and ammunition as shall be wanting. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 20 *a. Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. The same to Sir Henry Marten. To call in or by law avoid the patents of all Vice-Admirals who have failed to send in their accounts into the Court of Admiralty. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 21. *Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. The same to the Officers of the Navy. To take order for payment and discharge of the cupplements belonging to the Victory and the St. Dennis as soon as those ships come in; also to pay and discharge 40 men apiece out of the Bonaventure and the Dreadnought; also to grave, man, and victual two of the Lion's Whelps which have not been lately abroad, with 60 men apiece, to be employed for guard of the Narrow Seas; to cause the Bonaventure and the Dreadnought to be victualled for three months for 160 men apiece, and so on from three months to three months. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 21. *Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 9. Wallingford House. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on a petition of the Master Shipwrights and their assistants. Petitioners complained that their pay had been withheld for two years, and prayed that they might have their means at seasonable times as other men have. Referred to the Officers to report the true state of the demands petitioned for. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 21 *a. Half a page.*]

Feb. 9. 32. George Winter to his mother. Solicits her permission to assume the habit and calling of the good men amongst whom he had been sometime living. Prays her to allow him as copiously as she can, that he may be no burthen to them, and to send him the 3*l.* the writer had of "Wed. Gal." Speaks of his sister, his aunt, and his brothers, as being near him. [*Addressed, in another handwriting, "To the mother of the three brothers." One page.*]

Feb. 9. 33. Note by Sir William Russell of the amount required for payment of wages to the crews of the Victory, the Bonaventure, the St. Dennis, and the Dreadnought, from 1 Nov. 1632 till 28 Feb. 1633, with the reductions then necessary to be made in order to bring the payment within the sum allowed on the ordinary. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 9. 34. Answer in Chancery of Michael West, to the bill of Sir John Lambe. West admits that he did not make Sir John acquainted

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with the annuity of 10*l.*, which was the principal subject of the suit, because Sir John, by taking advantage of a forfeiture after a mortgage debt tendered, forced West to sell to him his lands at a great under price. [*Nineteen pages and a half.*]

Feb. 10. Chester. 35. William Earl of Derby to the Council. In obedience to their letter of the 27th January [*Co. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 406,] has bound over John Naylor [?], William Grimsdich, Edward Hough, and Richard Hough, who appeared to be hinderers and disturbers of the reparation of the waterworks of Chester, to appear before that board on the 19th inst. [*One page.*]

Feb. 10. 36. Petition of William Thomas, late of Christ Church, Oxford, to Bishop Laud, Chancellor of that University. It was his unhappy chance to be in company with those who pulled down the gallows at Oxford, for which he and another were expelled the University. Beseeches him to look at the certificate annexed, and restore him. [*Half a page.*] *Annexed,*

36. I. *Certificate of Thomas Hill, Richard Heylyn, Jasper Mayne, and others, that William Thomas had lived in Christ Church for three years, and although so far misled as to be an associate in the act of demolishing the gallows, he was otherwise of a temperate, quiet, studious, and religious demeanour and disposition.* 1633, *Feb.* 10. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 10. 37. Account of the distribution among the servants of Archbishop Abbot of 8*l.* given by Dr. George Coke and Dr. Augustine Lindsell, at their consecrations at Lambeth to the sees of Bristol and Peterborough. [*One page.*]

Feb. 10. 38. Certificate of Richard Ouseley, of Courten Hall, co. Northampton, that having the command of 200 men under Count Mansfeldt, Thomas Lord Cromwell being his colonel, he pressed William Tyler as a gentleman of his company, and that he discharged himself honestly and faithfully. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 12. Westminster. 39. The King to Theophilus Earl of Lincoln, Montagu Lord Willoughby, and the rest of the Commissioners of Sewers in co. Lincoln. By late letters the King has signified his resolution for draining all that part of the level of fens in co. Lincoln (the Eight Hundred Fen excepted), which is not included in Sir Anthony Thomas's undertaking, he now recommends to them Robert Earl of Lindsey, Sir Robert Killigrew, and Robert Long, to be undertakers for doing the work. The King expects the persons addressed to accept them as undertakers, and proceed to make a contract with them for all the remaining part of the level (the Eight Hundred Fen excepted), and commands all persons to forbear making any particular bargains to the prejudice of this general work. [*One page and a half.*]

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Feb. 12. Whitehall. 40. Sec. Windebank to the Advocate General. Warrant to prepare a pardon for John Warren, censured in the High Commission Court for committing adultery with Mary Pratt, his wife's sister. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 12. Indenture between Sir William Russell, of London, William Collins, and Edward Fenn, of the one part, and Sir Roger Palmer and Laurence Squibb, of the other part. In consideration of a competent sum of money paid to Sir William Russell and of a nominal consideration to Collins and Fenn, they convey all that park of Isleworth, otherwise called the New Park of Richmond, with Ferry Mead, More Meads, and Twickenham Fields, as the same were granted to Russell, Collins, and Fenn by the present King, by letters patent dated 27 December 1632, to hold of the King and his successors, of the manor of East Greenwich, by fealty only in free and common socage, at the annual rent of 8*l.* 8*s.*, payable at the receipt of the Exchequer for ever. [*Does not appear to have been executed. One skin of parchment. See Case* B., *Charles I., No.* 10. *Lat.*]

Feb. 13. 41. Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of New Sarum to the Lords of the Admiralty. Upon a second letter of 15 November last from the Council to the Justices of Peace for Wilts, wherein their Lordships seemed displeased with the Justices for their slackness in making provision for carriage of 1,290 loads of timber for the Navy from the New Forest to Redbridge, according to a letter of 29 May last, Sir Thomas Sadler, one of the Justices of the county, sent a message to the Mayor, that the inhabitants should provide 122 carts. Petitioners have never had the like services imposed upon them, and no carts are kept within the said city. Those of them who are able to contribute are charged where their estates lie in the county, and Southampton and Winchester are not charged in the like manner in Hampshire. Pray that the charge may be laid upon the county. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

41. I. *Mayor and others of Southampton to the Mayor and Aldermen of New Sarum. No such service has been required from that town.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

41. II. *Mayor and others of Winchester to the same. No such service is required from that city. Winchester,* 1633, *Jan.* 30. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 13. 42. Notes by Sec. Windebank of the charge of Lord Keeper Coventry to the Judges, previous to their going the Assizes. To see that more diligence be used by the Sheriffs in making their returns to the Commission for relief of the poor. A straight course to be held against those who oppose [the binding the children of the poor as] apprentices. Depopulating inclosures to be strictly punished. To let the gentlemen know the King's resolution to punish those who leave the country and come to London, contrary to the proclamation. To urge the observance of the proclamation

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for better observance of Lent and fish days. Many choose to be wanton with flesh at that time rather than at others. Corporate towns will be called in question. Contributions to be urged for the repair of St. Paul's. Sec. Windebank has added a note of an application of Serjeant Bramston in the case of the Bishop of Lincoln. The information being amended is as a new one, and therefore there must be new process. Put off till Mr. Attorney might be in court. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 13. 43. Account of fines imposed in the Star Chamber from Michaelmas term in the 5th of Charles down to Hilary term in the 8th of Charles, with marginal notes of those whereof the payment had been respited, and those which had been abated. Sir Francis Vivian's fine of 2,000*l.* for misconduct as captain of St. Mawes, was respited. In the case of Sir Henry Anderson and Henry Anderson, his son, at the suit of Nicholas Bacon, the fines of 300*l.* apiece, were abated to 60*l.* apiece. Henry Sherfield's fine of 500*l.* has "stet" written against it. [*Three pages and a half.*]

Feb. 13. Lords of the Admiralty to [the Officers of the Navy]. The Lords understand by Sir Henry Fiennes, that one Tanner, a waterman, his servant, has gotten to be a ship-keeper in one of the new ships, and under pretence thereof, shelters himself from giving an account of such goods as Sir Henry left in his charge. They are to cause Tanner to be delivered to his master, Sir Henry, or to be sent up to the Lords in custody of Whetnall, the messenger of the Navy. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 22. *Copy. Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 13. Minute of the appearance of John Randall, Marshal of the Admiralty of Cornwall, sent for by close warrant from the Lords of the Admiralty. [*See Ibid., fol.* 21*a*. *Six lines.*]

Feb. 14. 44. Petition of Sir Edmund Sawyer, one of the Auditors of the Exchequer, to the King. Petitioner is seised of the manor of Heywood in the Forest of Windsor, sometime belonging to Waltham Abbey, co. Essex, the Abbot whereof had the privilege of cutting his woods without licence, putting his hogs therein, hunting the hare, wolf, and wild cat, and holding the manor free from the regard of the foresters. These privileges have been enjoyed since Edward III., with a liberty called Staffeherd, which is to keep sheep on the waste, in consideration whereof the lords have been at the charge of a dinner for the officers at the Swainmote Court every third year, and also pay yearly a metehome to the Keeper of the Bailiwick. All these privileges the Attorney General has taken exceptions to, but affirms that petitioner must continue the Swainmote dinner. Prays pardon for all assarts and enjoyment of the liberty of Staffeherd freed from the charge of the Swainmote dinner. [*One page.*] *Underwritten,*

44. 1. *Reference to the Attorney General to report. Whitehall,* 1633, *Feb.* 14.

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Feb. 14. 45. Petition of Nicholas Polhill, Robert Powlett, and others, merchants in the West, to the Lords of the Admiralty. If they desire further satisfaction concerning the petitioners' claims pray them to appoint a day when Sir Henry Marten may attend them, and (if they please) the petitioners may be heard by their counsel. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 14. Portsmouth. 46. Francis Brooke to Sec. Coke. The officer of the writer, who is Deputy Vice-Admiral to the Lord Treasurer for Hants, found a Flemish boat taken up by Robert Locke, a farmer, and drawn into a bye lane. Being night he left a watchman to keep possession until next day. At sunrising a party of Locke's servants removed the boat to Orange, which is the farm occupied by Locke, although the watchman forbade them to meddle with her. Prays him to acquaint the Lords of the Admiralty that these persons may be punished. [*One page.*]

Feb. 14. 47. Extract from the preceding. [*One page.*]

Feb. 14. 48. Laurence Hyde, John Strode, Edward Lyttleton, and others, Benchers of the Temple, to Sec. Windebank. According to his Majesty's pleasure they certify that they have not questioned any rights belonging to the petitioner [Dr. Micklethwaite], nor have denied him any profits due to him, but are ready to pay him all sums of money appertaining to his place. [*One page.*]

Feb. 14. Deptford. 49. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. The Lord Treasurer has promised that on Saturday next they will determine for the two new ships to be built this year. Steps taken towards masting the new ships. His Majesty must have notice before the ships are sent away, for he means to see them again ere they go out of the river. Order has been given for victualling the Bonaventure and Dreadnought from three months to three months. Respecting the two Whelps to be prepared, wishes it to be determined whether they shall be the First and Tenth at Chatham or the Third and Eighth at Portsmouth. [*One page.*]

Feb. 14. Bristol. 50. Robert Kitchen to the same. The Ninth Whelp, Captain Cooper, arrived there about 26 January last. Finding few of the Irish barks ready to return, he ordered the pilots to bring the ship into Hung Road, where she remains. Kitchen has taken a survey of her carpentry, presently to be repaired, which he has sent up to the principal Officers of the Navy. The repairs might be effected in two months if present order came for it, and moneys to effect it. The balance of 122*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* remains due on his account for fitting this ship and the Fifth Lion's Whelp last spring. This sum is due to various tradesmen, his neighbours, who are much offended to stay thus long for their money. [*One page.*]

Feb. 14. 51. Statement of Elizabeth Hafteville, that Robert Winter, brother to Sir John Winter, had established 28 Benedictine nuns in Brussels, and had made two journeys to Rome for them on a falling

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out between the nuns and their lady abbess, the Lady Mary Percy. All which the writer is able to depose. [*Indorsed by Sec. Windebank as "delivered by Wainwright." One page.*]

Feb. 14. 52. Notes upon an examination of Sir John Caswell respecting his transactions in connexion with the affairs of the King of Sweden. Among other things, he was asked whether he had not said that he had been told that if there were a parliament in England there would be supplies. He answered that he never spake of any such matters in any serious discourse. In the note upon this answer, it is said that Hepburn would justify that he spake these words. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 15. Whitehall. 53. The Council to Beale Saperton, Serjeant-at-Arms. Warrant to repair into the county of Radnor and take into his custody Matthias Taylor, an orphan, of London, and Richard Jones, delivering Taylor to the Lord Mayor of London, and bringing Richard Jones before the Council. [*One page.*]

Feb. 15. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. Richard Plumleigh. To bring the Victory and St. Dennis into Chatham for their discharge. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 21 *a. Copy. Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 15. The same to the Captains of the Bonaventure and Dreadnought. These ships are to be continued upon the ordinary for this year for guard of the Narrow Seas, and 160 men apiece is held to be a sufficient cupplement to serve in that employment. The persons addressed are to order that so many from each ship shall be paid and discharged as will reduce each of them to 160 men. [*See Ibid., fol.* 22. *Copy. Third of a page.*]

Feb. 15. Bristol. 54. William Brooke to Nicholas. Thanks for his good wishes, but he sees no possibility [of an accommodation], for Capt. Cooper aims at his life. Since his last there has been much ado between the captain and boatswain, insomuch that the writer is weary of his life to see these hard usages. The old boatswain has written thereof. [*One page.*]

Feb. 15. 55. Affidavit of Sir Thomas Gower. Explains the circumstances under which he was rendered unable to answer the charges brought against him by Mr. Ratcliffe, his Majesty's Attorney in the Court of York. The principal ground was that the lawyers refused to be of counsel with him, alleging Mr. Ratcliffe to be so powerful that it would be much prejudice to them. [*One page.*]

Feb. 16. At the Court. 56. Sec. Windebank to Bishop Davenant, of Salisbury. Doubts not he has heard of a sentence lately given in the Star Chamber against Mr. Sherfield for a foul and notorious crime in defacing an ancient window in the parish church of St. Edmund, in New Sarum, part of which sentence consists in an acknowledgment of the insolency before the Bishop. The King, not forgetting his princely care of the church, has commanded Sec. Coke and the writer to intimate that it

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is his pleasure that the Bishop cause the acknowledgment to be done publicly, and with as much submission both in word and behaviour as may be. The Bishop is to require the Dean and Chapter, and as many of the prebends and others of his clergy as are within convenient distance, with the gentlemen of the county, to be present. His Majesty, in detestation of this notorious profanation, expressing so much tenderness of the Church, expects the Bishop to second the King's intentions in vindicating his own cause, adding what he shall think fit, and may, in strictest construction of the sentence, be done for aggravation of this part of the punishment. [*One page. Copy. Sec. Windebank has indorsed that the letter was written by his Majesty's commandment, and was seen and allowed by his Majesty.*]

Feb. 16. Orleans. 57. Philip Mainwaring to Sec. Windebank. Sends a copy of a book written by one of the ministers of Geneva. Had seen a copy of an epistle which he dedicated with it to the Queen of Sweden, but which epistle he does not annex, to mask the partiality which might be laid to his charge. [*One page.*]

Feb. 16. Whitehall. 58. Notes by Nicholas of business to be considered by the Lords of the Admiralty. Estimate for extraordinary charge of the Navy; guard of the Irish coast to be settled, now that the Lord Deputy is in town; report of Officers of Navy on petition of the shipwrights; appoint a day to hear the business of Mr. Polhill; City of Sarum's petition; resolve as to two ships to be built this year. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 16. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Captain Thomas Ketelby. Lord Ambassador Weston is on his way to Calais or Boulogne on his return to England. Capt. Ketelby is to met him at one of those ports, and to bring him to such part of England as he shall direct. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 22 *a. Copy. Third of a page.*]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. Proclamation for prizing of wines. Under statute of 28 Henry VIII. the Lord Keeper and Keeper of the Privy Seal and the two Lord Chief Justices had set the prices of various kinds of wine. To take away all excuse from those who may be found delinquents, the King declares that for one year next ensuing Canary wines, Muscadels, and Alicants should be sold in gross at 16*l.* the pipe, and at 12*d.* the quart by retail; Sacks and Malagas at 13*l.* the butt in gross, and 9*d.* the quart by retail; the best Gascony and French wines at 18*l.* the tun in gross, and 6*d.* the quart by retail; and the Rochelle wines and other small and thin wines at 15*l.* the tun, and 5*d.* the quart by retail. Where wines by land carriage shall be conveyed more than 10 miles from the next port, 4*l.* per tun and 1*d.* per quart may be added for every 30 miles of land carriage. [*Coll. Procs., Car. I., No.* 161. *Two pages.*]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. 59. Minute of proceedings of the King in Council, when articles of accommodation of the dispute respecting prohibitions were

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debated and signed in the King's presence by ten of the Judges, by Sir Henry Marten, and by the Attorney General. These articles are stated in this minute. They are the accommodation suggested by the Judges (*see* 1633, *Feb.* 4), altered in accordance with the exceptions taken by Sir Henry Marten. [*Two pages and a half.*]

Feb. 18. 60. Copy of the preceding, indorsed by Sec. Windebank. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Feb. 18. 61. Another copy, indorsed by Nicholas. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Feb. 18. Another copy. *See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 24. [*Two pages.*]

Feb. 18. 62. Another copy, without the enumeration of the Privy Councillors present on this occasion, but indicating that the original had the signatures of all the Judges subscribed. [*Two pages and a half.*]

Feb. 18. Another copy. *Miscellaneous. Vol.* xxi., *p.* 529. [*Two pages.*]

Feb. 18. 63. Copy of the accommodation proposed by the Judges on the 4th February inst., with the alterations therein made at the Council this day. In a memorandum in the margin, written by Sec. Windebank, he states "These additions and corrections were "made by the King himself sitting in Council, 18 Feb. 1632[–3], "after the Judges had agreed and subscribed, and then the Judges "being called, unanimously subscribed as they are now corrected." On the same paper is a pencil memorandum, in the handwriting of Sec. Windebank, that there should be or was to be a commission to the Lord Marshal and others to repair to London Bridge, and to inquire what are its revenues, and whether it be fit to build "the houses" again, or to demolish the rest. [*One page.*]

Feb. 18. 64. Another copy, with Nicholas's indorsement to the same effect.

Feb. 18. 65. Petition of Captain John Gilbert to the King. Notwithstanding the King's care for the conservation of the Thames, that river runs daily more and more into an irrepairable state, if speedy prevention be not used of the annoyances. Urges that the ballastage of ships might be converted to this service, according to a statute of 27 Henry VIII. Prays for a commission in accordance with that statute, and a statute of 3 Henry VI., enforced by a proclamation. *Underwritten,*

65. 1. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, calling to them the Attorney or Solicitor General to consider of the Commission and proclamation prayed for, and to give order to prepare a bill for the royal signature. Whitehall,* 1633, *Feb.* 18. [*Petition and reference, one page.*]

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65. II. *Report of Lord Cottington and Attorney General Noy to the King. They had called before them all the parties interested in the question, and report their various opinions, leaving the determination to the King.* 1633, *Oct.* 15. [*One page.*]

Feb. 18. 66. Certificate of Deputy Lieutenants of the North Riding of co. York to the Council. Robert Ridley, of Nunthrop, came before them that day, and acknowledged his neglect in not showing his armour, and promised hereafter to conform. [*Signed by Thomas Lord Fairfax and Sir John Gibson. Half a page.*]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to the Lords Justices of Ireland. To give order to Capt. Cooper to bring the Ninth Whelp into [Hung Road], near Bristol, for repair, and also that on her arrival there her men might be paid and discharged. [*Copy. One third of a page. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 22.]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. The same to Capt. Dawtry Cooper. To bring the Ninth Whelp into [Hung Road], near Bristol, in conformity with the above letter. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 22 *a. One third of a page.*]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. The same to the Lord President of Munster. To advertise the Lords what he found to be the true state of the differences between Capt. Cooper and William Brooke. [*Copy. Ibid. One third of a page.*]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. The same to the Officers of the Navy. Poynett, pilot for the Black Deeps, being lately dead, the Officers are to advise with the Brethren of the Trinity House concerning some able and sufficient man for the charge. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 23. *One quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 18. Whitehall. 67. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty for Thomas Osborne to deliver up the King's bakehouse, which is incident to the office of Victualler of the Navy, to Sir Sampson Darrell, by that day sennight at farthest, or be committed for his contempt to the custody of the messenger attending their Lordships. [*One page.*]

Feb. 18. 68. Copy of all the preceding, save the signatures. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 18. Another copy. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 23 *a. Half a page.*]

Feb. 18. The Victory, in Margate Road. 69. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Sec. Coke. Expected orders how the fleet should be disposed of. Yesterday directions came to Capt. Ketelby and Capt. Sydenham, for reducing their numbers of men to 160, but to them not a syllable at all. This and the neglect of Sir Sampson Darrell in sending down the remains for that month, has caused the writer to trouble the Sec. All of them, and especially the Dreadnought, stand in great need of provisions. Last week, the Dunkirkers surprised three Dutch West India ships, of six or seven hundred tons apiece, but their lading was but mean. The

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Dutch Ambassador, shipped there on Saturday, may very well light into the Dunkirker's hands, who are fifteen sail strong in the channel. [*One page.*]

Feb. 18. Margate Road. 70. William Cooke to Nicholas. Understands that John Poynett is dead, and the pilotage of the Black Deeps to be settled upon some other. Begs him to speak to Mr. Secretary on the writer's behalf. [*One page.*]

Feb. 19. Whitehall. 71. The King to the two Lords Chief Justices, the Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and the Judges of the several Courts. By the King's letters of 15 May 1631, they were required to assemble themselves, and set down orders for preventing abuses of clerks and informers in their prosecutions upon penal laws, and that being assembled, they should deliver their opinions on a case which much concerns the King, touching his revenue of fee-farm rent. Being informed by Dr. Chambers, one of the King's physicians interested in the said business, that they have not yet delivered their opinions upon the said case, nor published orders for redressing the said abuses, but neglecting to answer to one part of the King's letter, have excused themselves from obeying the other, under pretence that the letters patent, upon which such orders were to be drawn, did seem to them to be against law and the King's profit. Forasmuch as the same were, on the surrender of a former grant which was approved by Parliament in the time of the late King, drawn up by Lord Chief Justice Heath, then Attorney General, who the King believes would do nothing contrary to law or the King's profit, and was willing to contest the validity of the same, they are charged without further delay to assemble and declare their opinions, and after hearing what Lord Chief Justice Heath can allege in defence of his patent, either to grant assistance in the execution thereof, or to set down their reasons in answer to his, for the King's determination. [*Copy. Three pages and a half.*]

Feb. 19. Westminster. 72. The King to the Dean and Chapter of Wells. There has been earnest competition between Edward Abbot, M.A., and Robert Creighton, professor in the University of Cambridge, for the place of residentiary in their church, the former recommended by the late King and the present, and the latter by the present King only, and both claiming a right by statute. The King having deliberately considered the statutes, requires the dean and chapter forthwith to proceed to an election according to the same statutes. [*Copy. Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 19. Wincing Lane. 73. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Received packet from Mr. Kitchen and the master of the Ninth Lion's Whelp, who certify of defects in the carpentry work in the ship's hull, which must be supplied before she goes to sea again, and will require two months to perform. Pray that moneys may be in readiness for that purpose, and that they may receive order for the company's wages. The officers of the ship much aggravate the

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tyranny of Capt. Dawtry Cooper, and the writers present to the consideration of their Lordships, whether a master and boatswain appointed by them may be turned away at a captain's pleasure. [*One page.*]

Feb. 19. Star Chamber. 74. Minutes of proceedings of the Council of the Society for Fishing this day. The Letters Patent read; the oath for the Commons and Fellows of the Society read, and copies delivered to some of the commonalty for further consideration at the next meeting; Capt. John Mason and Philip Burlamachi admitted Fellows; touching rates formerly given by the Dutch and others, and now to be given to the Earl of Seaforth for ground leave, Capt. Mason is to attend Sir John Hay and report to the Council; copy of the letters patent to be delivered to Capt. Mason for the use of the partnership associated with the Lord Treasurer for this business of fishing. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 19. 75. Draft by Nicholas of the preceding minutes. It appears from a passage in this draft, which was afterwards struck out, that the Attorney General acquainted the Council that divers who would adventure in this fishing held back till they saw what satisfaction was given for the busses taken by the Hollanders. The Lord Treasurer stated that satisfaction had been demanded, and that the King had commanded him to let them understand that he would justify this work and right them in their proceedings. [*One page and a half.*]

Feb. 19. 76. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend George Cartwright, who had served as lieutenant under Capt. Pennington and others, as a fit man for captain of the Eighth or Tenth Lions Whelp, preparing for service in the Narrow Seas. [*One page.*]

Feb. 19. 77. Examination of Thomas Austyn, taken before Attorney General Noy. Being demanded who desired him to exhibit a petition delivered by him this day to the King in full Council on behalf of 80,000 people, he said that no man desired him to do it, nor did he show it to any man. One Long, of Lyon's Inn, or some other about that inn, told him the Judges were to meet about the Stannaries on Saturday last. He then attended the Judges and informed them of some things concerning the Stannaries. At the same time he heard that this day they were to attend his Majesty, and thereupon he prepared the petition. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 19. 78. Note by Nathaniel Reeve, gunner of the Bonaventure, of the state of his stores and need of a supply. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 19. 79. Note of sizes of cordage in possession of Job Harby. [*Quarter of a page.*]

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Feb. 20. Whitehall. 80. Order of Council. Forty-four trawls, heretofore taken by the pinnace appointed for guard of the Thames, are to be burnt, and the lines and lead belonging thereto to be sold for satisfaction of the rent of a room hired by the captain of the pinnace for keeping the trawls. [*One page.*]

Feb. 20. Ashton. 81. John Lord Poulett to the Council. Will contribute 100*l.* towards the repair of St. Paul's Church in London, to be paid by 10*l.* per annum. Beseeches them to make his mite agreeable to the King. It comes from one that floats in the world with more sails than ballast, but will always be ready to lay his little fortune at the King's feet. [*One page.*]

Feb. 20. 82. Petition of Gregory Kempe, on behalf of himself and other poor fishermen at Whitstable, to Sir Henry Marten. From time beyond the memory of man the inhabitants of Whitstable had enjoyed the liberty of taking oysters on the sea-coast there; of late petitioner and Thomas Gilman had been arrested at the suit of the Dean of Canterbury, who pretended that that liberty belonged to him. The Dean having sued in his own Court, petitioners pray advice whether they should proceed there or remove the suit into some other Court. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 20. The Victory. 83. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to Nicholas. Would bring the two ships for Chatham with the first opportunity of wind and weather. Thanks for his news of the Lords' care of him, otherwise must have thought of some other course, having been resolved to spend as little time in England this summer as he could. Rather than have failed of an active course, he meant to have put himself to his old trade again and followed foot service, a way of life which he affects but for want of employment at sea. Sir Sampson Darrell sent the remains down the same day that the writer's letter to Nicholas was dated. [*One page.*]

Feb. 20. Lambeth. 84. Archbishop Abbot, to William Bossevile. Letter of attorney appointing him to receive, as the Archbishop's deputy, all goods and chattels of Christopher Traneholme, of Potto, co. York, who had died *felo de se*, and also to receive into his care the body of William Traneholme, son and heir of the said Christopher, who being of the age of 12 years, is a ward of the Archbishop. [*Draft. Five pages and a half.*]

Feb. 20. 85. Bond of Richard Trymnell and Philip Careles, clothiers, of London, in 300*l.* conditioned for payment to Robert Cambell of 208*l.* on 22 August next. [*Written on two sides of a strip of parchment.*]

Feb. 20. 86. Lord Treasurer Portland and Francis Lord Cottington, Chancellor of the Exchequer, to Sir Robert Pye, Auditor of the receipt of the Exchequer. Assignation of funds for payment of 28,635*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*, being the charge of the Navy for the year 1633. [*One page.*]

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Feb. 20. 87. Order of proceeding to the funeral of Francis Earl of Rutland at Belvoir Castle. [*Five pages. Imperfect.*]

Feb. 20. 88. Officers of Ordnance to some person styled "your honour." Send him copy of account of brass ordnance fit to be new cast, for which *see Vol.* ccxvi., *No.* 28, with a copy of an estimate of the cost of the contemplated new casting, which was 23*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ton. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Feb. 21. Minute by Sec. Windebank of proceedings of the Lords of the Admiralty this day, in reference to the case of Pollhill and Powlett. Sec. Coke was to solicit earnestly Mr. Boswell that justice might be done, and upon his answer to take further course to right the complainants. [*See Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 7. *Four lines.*]

Feb. 21. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Ordnance. The Bonaventure and the Dreadnought are appointed to continue for guard of the Narrow Seas, they are therefore to be supplied with gunners' stores for 10 months. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 23 *a. One third of a page.*]

Feb. 21. Whitehall. The same to the same. Similar letter for similar supply to the Eighth Lion's Whelp, then at Portsmouth, and the Tenth Lion's Whelp, then at Chatham. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 24. *One third of a page.*]

Feb. 21. 89. Petition of John Hodyern, shipwright, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Prays to be appointed master carpenter in the new ship, the Charles. [*The certificates, Vol.* ccxxxi., *No.* 45, *were, perhaps, those referred to as being annexed to this petition, although the indorsements by Nicholas rather indicate the contrary. Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 21. 90. Petition of Robert Fisher, master carpenter of the pinnace the Henrietta, to the same. Prays to be promoted to be master carpenter of the Garland, that place being void by the death of William Hall, deceased. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

90. 1. *Certificate of the Officers of the Navy of sufficiency of the above petitioner.* [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 21. Mincing Lane. 91. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Sends particulars of the pay of the captains of the Jane Bonaventure in answer to a petition of the widow of Capt. Rous. The account shews 23*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* due to Capt. George Rous up to his death on 14 January 1626, and 9*l.* to his nephew, Capt. George Rous, the younger, his successor. Both which sums had been paid, 11*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*, part of the former sum, to the widow before mentioned. [*One page.*]

Feb. 21. 92. Petition of Francis Warren, an inhabitant in Blackfriars, to Nicholas Rainton, the Lord Mayor of London. Robert Edmonds, who dwelt in the next house to petitioner, having complained of a

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partition wall as contrary to the proclamation, procured a view to be made thereof by Capt. Williams, Capt. Halsey, and Mr. Pye, without notice to petitioner, so that he could not make known his just allegations thereabout. Prays for a review after notice to both parties. *Underwritten,*

92. 1. *Request of the Lord Mayor to the viewers above mentioned to take a review as requested.* 1633, *Feb.* 21. [*Petition and request, one page.*]

Feb. 22. Whitehall.

93. Order of Council. On complaint of Matthew Cradock and others, of the Eastland Company, of the great abuse in falsifying of cloths in weight, length, and breadth, especially in those places where the Turkey, Muscovy, and Eastland Companies buy their cloths, it was ordered that those companies should meet and advise of remedies. [*Copy. In the indorsement, it is stated that the order specially applied to the clothing in Suffolk, Essex, &c. Three quarters of a page.*]

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94. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend Robert Slingsby, son of Sir Guilford Slingsby, deceased, the late Comptroller of the Navy, to be captain of the Eighth or Tenth Lion's Whelp, preparing for guard of the Narrow Seas. [*One page.*]

Feb. 22. Whitehall.

95. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be this day submitted to the Lords of the Admiralty. Order on the estimate for extraordinaries; settlement of guard for the coast of Ireland, the Lord Deputy being in town; resolution as to two new ships to be built next year; Randall, Marshal of the Vice-Admiralty of Cornwall, attends to answer complaints; Admiral to be appointed for the Narrow Seas; Browne's petition for the gunner of the Reformation to go to Marseilles to prove his ordnance; consider of an order to the forts at Gravesend and Tilbury not to permit any men-of-war to come above Gravesend without special licence; Officers of the Navy have not brought in a comparison of the charge of building the two new ships with two others built in the late Lord Admiral's time [*Lord Cottington has written, "This to be quickened"*]; to settle the cupplements of men for the King's ships, and for that purpose to call for the return of Sir Robert Mansell and the rest of the commanders [*Lord Cottington has added, "They to be "sent for to bring it." Two pages.*]

Feb. 22. The Holt.

96. Note of the contents of a pass or brief shewed by James Savell, and purporting to be under the hands and seals of Thomas Viscount Wentworth, and others. The document alluded to described a great fire at Cockermouth, which took place on the 25th March 1632, and in which 105 dwelling houses were destroyed, and 41 persons were burnt to death. [*It is styled in the indorsement "a counterfeit brief." One page.*]

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Feb. 22. Westminster. 97. The King to Archbishop Abbot, Lord Keeper Coventry, Archbishop Neile, Lord Treasurer Weston, the Lord Privy Seal, the Great Chamberlain, the Earl Marshal, the Lord Chamberlain, the Earls of Suffolk, Dorset, Salisbury, Bridgewater, Exeter, Carlisle, Holland, and Danby, George Viscount Duplin, Lord Chancellor of Scotland, William Earl of Stratherne, Lord President of the Council of Scotland, the Earls of Morton, Kellie, Melrose, and Mar, Viscounts Wimbledon, Wentworth, Falkland, Charles Viscount Wilmot, Bishop Laud, Lords Newburgh, Cottington, and Stirling, Sir Thomas Edmondes, Sir Henry Fane [Vane], Sir Robert Naunton, Sir Thomas Jermyn, Secs. Coke and Windebank, and Sir Julius Cæsar. Commission to reprieve able bodied persons convicted of certain felonies, and to bestow them to be used in discoveries and other foreign employments for a time to be by the Commissioners prefixed. [*One skin of parchment, seal not now attached.*]

Feb. 23. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Doctor Bargrave, Dean of Canterbury. Complaint is made by the fishermen of Whitstable that contrary to their ancient liberties the Dean has caused Gregory Kempe and Thomas Gilman to be arrested and impleaded in his court at Canterbury for fishing at Whitstable. Pray him to forbear such prosecutions until he shall have satisfied the Lords of his right. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 25. *Half a page.*]

Feb. 23. Whitehall. The same to the Officers of the Navy. To continue to the master shipwrights an extraordinary payment of 2*s.* per day ordered by the late Commissioners of the Navy to be paid to them quarterly by way of reward; and also to their assistants a similar extraordinary payment of 20*l.* per annum. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 25 *a. Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 23. Whitehall. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on the petition of David Guy. Petitioner having complained of a prohibition obtained by John Delabarre and James Hope for removal out of the Court of Admiralty of a suit relating to the Grace of God, of Dysart, in Scotland, the Lords desired Sir Henry Marten to take notice of the course taken by his Majesty and the Council concerning prohibitions, and to proceed accordingly. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 25 *a. Half a page.*]

Feb. 23. Whitehall. The like order on the petition of Thomas Lord Pelley, owner of the fish and ship called the Feschamp, in Normandy. The ship referred to was captured by Nutt the pirate, but taken in a great storm into "Valence, in Scotland, in the province of Munster," and there left. Petitioner prayed for the restoration of his ship and fish. Sir Henry Marten was desired to do therein according to justice. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 26. *One third of a page.*]

Feb. 23. 98. Petition of John Goodwin, one of the masters attendant of the Navy, to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has attended the principal officers on the reference made to them of his former petition (*See* 1633, *Jan.* 12, *p.* 513), but is opposed in the due execution of their

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pleasure. He craves no other allowance than such as has heretofore been made to Anthony Tutchin, Peter White, and Thomas Austen, who have executed the duties of master attendant. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 23. 99. Sec. Windebank to Lord Chief Justice Richardson. Henry Coxe, prisoner in Newgate, and condemned to die for stealing a parcel of goods out of a house, having alleged that he had done his Majesty service at sea in taking a ship of great value called the Holy Ghost, the Lord Chief Justice is to reprieve him if this be his first offence, and if it appears that he rendered the service alleged. [*One page.*]

Feb. 24. Entry of the appearance of Henry Chitty, Mayor of Chichester, before the Lords of the Admiralty, having been sent for by warrant. [*Five lines. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 26.]

Feb. 25. Mincing Lane. 100. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. The brethren of the Trinity House have certified that William Cooke, one of the masters attendant, is the best person for pilot for the Black Deeps, to succeed John Poynett, deceased. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

100. I. *The Brethren of the Trinity House to Sir William Russell, and the other Officers of the Navy. No better man can be thought of to be pilot of the Black Deeps than William Cooke or Thomas Austen. Trinity House, Ratcliffe,* 1633, *Feb.* 23. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 25. 101. The same to the same. On a survey of cordage in the hands of Job Harby, of London, merchant, by John Goodwyn, his Majesty's master ropemaker, they recommend certain cables to be received into his Majesty's stores. [*One page.*]

Feb. 25. St. Martin's Lane. 102. Robert Powlett to Nicholas. Supposes he now in part discerns that the writer's business with the Dutch is likely to come to an issue. Begs him to peruse three papers delivered at his house. Besides his certain losses the prosecution of the affair has cost him above 1,000*l.*, and the loss of former employments. Intends to be grateful to Nicholas in a valuable way. [*One page.*]

Feb. 25. Hastings. 103. Mayor and Jurats of Hastings to Theophilus Earl of Suffolk, Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. According to his command on behalf of the bearer, De la Martinays, the writers directed their warrant for the appearance of the Bailiff and others of Seaford. But the Bailiff returned a dilatory excuse, which indeed the writers expected, as the Bailiff is the chiefest delinquent, and Seaford is no way subject to the jurisdiction of Hastings. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

103. I. *Mayor and Jurats of Hastings to the Bailiff and others of Seaford. Warrant for their appearance above mentioned. Hastings,* 1633, *Feb.* 23. [*One page.*]

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Feb. 25. 104. Beale Saperton, serjeant-at-arms, to George Bent and Christopher Bettye. Appointment of them as his deputies to arrest Matthias Taylor. [*Indorsed, "A warrant about the fetching out of "the county of Radnor the persons of Matthias Taylor and Richard "Jones." Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 26. Star Chamber. 105. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be transacted at the council of the Society for Fishing. The oath for the commons and the mode in which it was to be taken, the seal, meetings of the council, room for clerks, and form of certificate for the busses, were all to be considered. [*One page and a half.*]

[Feb. 26.] 106. Draft form of certificate above mentioned, proposed to be granted to busses belonging to the society. This certificate, as drawn, applies to the buss called the Entrance, of London, William Webb, master. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 26. Star Chamber. Minutes by Nicholas of proceedings of the council of the Society for Fishing. The oath for the commons discussed and referred to Sir John Wolstenholme and his partners associated for this fishing, who are to return the same at the next meeting. Sec. Coke to write to Mr. Gerbier, residing with the Archduchess, to urge satisfaction for the Concord, taken by the Dunkirkers from some of the men of this society. [*See before, No. 74 of this volume. Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 26. 107. Edward Stanley to Sec. Windebank. Sends for his acceptance a "brand-goose pie." 'Tis the only rarity which their country yields. They hear much of the Recorder of New Salisbury's business, and the censures of the Lords upon it. Discontented men are not sparing of these too. The writer subscribes to the Sec.'s opinion that New England were a fitter place for him. It must be new or it will not please him. The Sec.'s son Jack has a cold. The writer has written to the warden of New College concerning the Sec.'s kinsman Mr. Read, but things are not right between them, and he cannot be moved to write to the Sec. about him. [*One page.*]

Feb. 26. 108. Information sent to Sec. Windebank against Robert Winter. He had newly trimmed, at Wapping, a ship which he had bought at Dunkirk, and meditated some voyage unknown. The ship is about 240 tons, and carries 18 pieces of ordnance in show. Mr. Winter is the captain; and she is called the Black Lion. [*The information is attributed in the indorsement to "Wainwright." Half a page.*]

Feb. 26. Bristol. 109. Robert Kitchen to Nicholas. Sent his packet to Capt. Cooper on the 24th inst. Hears that the Firth Whelp was at Dublin on the 16th February, and doubts if Capt. Hooke had received his order to bring her to Portsmouth. Desires his help to Sir William Russell to receive what is due to him and his neighbours for trimming these pinnaces last year. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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Feb. 26. 110. John Ashburham to Nicholas. The Earl of Dorset desires Nicholas to bring to him the petition and affidavit of Isaac Thornbury. [*See Vol.* ccxxxi., *No.* 69. *Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 26. Portsmouth. 111. Francis Brooke to Sir Paul Pindar, Sir John Wolstenholme, Abraham Dawes, and John Jacob, farmers of the Customs. The Virginia ship called the America, of London, being put back into Stokes Bay the writer endeavoured to go aboard, but was resisted with violence. In Portsmouth he subsequently found the master, George Bond, and on his refusing to bring in his ship committed him to custody. To-morrow morning has appointed to attempt to bring the ship into harbour. Wishes them to procure a special warrant for his discharge. [*One page.*]

Feb. 26. 112. Statements of John Broadbent, Lawrence Morse, John Foxley, George Williams, and Ellen Underwood, prisoners in the Fleet, that Edward Morgan remarked in their presence that the King had need to look to himself in time, for that both his life and crown lay at the stake. [*One page and three quarters.*]

Feb. 26. St. Sebastian. 113. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Complains of the peculiar fickleness of the estate of merchandise. The world was never more gallant and had never less cause. The mohairs sent would sell there, but he had not sent the price. [*One page.*]

Feb. 27. Westminster. The King to Thomas Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Thomas Viscount Wentworth, and others of the Privy Council, to take a view of London Bridge, lately damaged by accidental fire, and to inquire of the state thereof and what revenues are belonging to the Bridge House. [*Sign Man., Car. I., Vol.* xiii., *No.* 98.]

Feb. 27. Westminster. 114. The same to the Dean and Chapter of Gloucester. Among their statutes they have one which binds the Dean and Chapter to keep the audit and choose the officers of that church precisely upon the last day of November. Dr. Frewen, the Dean, by reason of his attendance on the King in his turn, and upon the college whereof he is President in Oxford, cannot conveniently be there at that time, wherefore during the time he shall be Dean it shall be lawful to keep their audit and elect their officers on any day in October or November. [*Copy. One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. 27. Whitehall. 115. Order of Council on the petition of the town of Newcastle complaining of a ballast shore lately erected by Lord Chief Justice Heath, tending to the annoyance of the river Tyne. The order of the Board of the 13th July last was to continue in force until the Lords on hearing both sides should see cause to alter it, the Lord Chief Justice finishing the ballast shore whereupon the ballast might be cast. [*One page and a quarter.*]

[Feb. 27 ?] 116. Petition of the inhabitants of Barley, co. Hertford, to the Council. Set forth the litigious and disorderly conduct of Daniel Smith, an inhabitant of Barley, and pray for help in suppressing

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and restraining this notorious ill person and his sons. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

116. I. *Certificate of eighteen inhabitants of Barley, setting forth various outrages committed by Daniel Smith and his sons, with attestation of the general facts stated in the certificate by three Justices of Peace.* [*Two pages. The Judges of Assize were directed to call Smith and his sons before them at the Assizes, and take "an exemplary course" with them. Conc. Reg. Car. I., Vol.* viii., *p.* 471.]

Feb. 27. 117. Examination of David Davison, of Wapping, ropemaker, taken before Edward Nicholas, respecting certain old stores purchased by him of Sir Henry Palmer and Capt. Phineas Pett at Chatham about the 14th January 1632. The sale was public, and there were present at it various other ropemakers sent for by Sir Henry Palmer and Capt. Phineas Pett to buy of it. [*Three pages and a half.*]

Feb. 27. 118. Copy of the preceding, with list by Nicholas of other persons to be examined in relation to this transaction. [*Three pages.*]

Feb. 27. Office of the Ordnance. 119. Estimate by the Officers of the Ordnance of the charge of 50 fair-carts, with necessary provisions, to attend the King in his journey to Scotland. Total, 421*l.* 3*s.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

Feb. 28. Bonaventure, in Boulogne Road. 120. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to Nicholas. Arrived at Boulogne on the 24th February, and as soon as he came to an anchor sent ashore to inquire for "my Lord." Receiving no certain news of his coming he sent to Calais with a similar result. Will continue in the Road till his victuals be expired. [*One page.*]

Feb. 28. 121. Account of ammunition delivered aboard the Dreadnought, signed "Robert Bevis." [*Copy. One page.*]

Feb. 28. 122. Notes by Windebank of proceedings on the hearing of a cause between Sir Cornelius Vermuyden and Sir Philiberto Vernatti, respecting the distribution of the drained lands in the lordship of Hatfield, co. York. [*Half a page.*]

Feb. 123. Petition of Sir Alexander Gordon and Robert Moore to the King. Doubts having been expressed as to whether the propositions of petitioners for the suing out pardons by those who had not served apprenticeships, would prove so profitable as was pretended, petitioners reply to these objections, and suggest that they should have power to compound with applicants, and that their Commission should contain the particulars stated in the annexed paper. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

123. I. *Particulars above mentioned and desired to be contained in the Commission for Tradesmen.* [*One page.*]

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Feb. 124. Petition of Endymion Porter and Sir John Millesent, the King's servant, to the King. Divers Sheriffs have, contrary to law, appointed their under-sheriffs, bailiffs, and keepers of prisons for money, whereby those officers for regaining their bribes have extorted undue fees, and by corruption and otherwise diverted the due administration of justice. Pray for a grant of all fines to be imposed upon them on this account. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Indorsed,*

124. 1. *Order of the King that fines upon Sheriffs for the offences above mentioned shall be delivered to the King's Remembrancer of the Exchequer, to be disposed as his Majesty shall appoint. Mr. Attorney is to move the Court for an order to that effect. Whitehall,* 1633, *March* 2. [*Quarter of a page.*]

Feb. 125. Petition of Mary Gargrave to the King. Prays for the renewal of her protection, and sets forth what great misery she endures from her creditors. [*Indorsed "The Board to be moved." One page.*]

Feb. 126. Edward Earl of Dorset to [Lord Treasurer Portland]. Congratulates him on some advancement. Wishes him health and success in his endeavours. [*One page.*]

Feb. 127. Opinion, stated in the indorsement by Sec. Windebank to be that of the Attorney General, on the disputes between Dr. Micklethwaite, Master of the Temple, and the Benchers. In this opinion, after glancing at the history of the office of Master of the Temple, the mode of his remuneration is fully stated, and the particulars are given of a proposal unsuccessfully made by the Attorney General for a settlement of the question. [*Copy. One page and a half. Slightly damaged.*]

Feb. 128. Another copy of the preceding opinion. [*Two pages.*]

Feb. 129. Articles proposed by way of adjusting the differences in the Temple relating to the payments to be made to the Master. These articles probably contain terms offered by Dr. Micklethwaite. [*One page and a quarter.*]

Feb. Ross. 130. Justices of the Peace for co. Hereford to Philip Hollman, Sheriff. Certify the results of their proceedings in their monthly meetings for relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

Feb. 131. Some particulars of the various services of Sir William Power, indorsed with this date by Sec. Windebank, and intended to support an application for some reward. Sir William's services were chiefly military, and were performed principally in the "Portugal action," under Sir Roger Williams, and since then for more than 30 years in Ireland. [*Two pages and a quarter.*]

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March 1. Southwark. 1. Justices of Peace for Surrey to the Council. They reply to letter of 27 July last for carrying 1,600 loads of timber from Alsenholt [Alice Holt], co. Hants, to Hamhaw, co. Surrey. They performed last year's service of 400 loads with a great deal of difficulty, the greatest part of the county through which the timber is to pass being within the forest of Windsor, and freed from carriage by charter. Urge the smallness and poverty of the rest of the county and their many charges as reasons for being freed from the 1,200 loads which remain. [*Among the signatures is "John "Lenthall." One page.*]

March 1. Lords of the Admiralty to William Cooke, Captain of the Henrietta, appointed to guard the Rivers Thames and Medway. Instructions similar to those to Capt. Thomas Austen, calendared under date of 1 May 1632. [*See Vol.* clvii., *fol.* 122 *b.*]

March 1. 2. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Had examined the petition of the Masters of the Trinity House and others, owners of ships which served in the late wars. Found that they complained of the rule made on 26 May 1628, for measuring ships by lesser dimensions than in former times. Recommend that so many ships as served and were discharged before the date of that order should have their bills passed and allowed according to the old way of measuring. [*One page.*]

March 1. St. Martin's Lane, St. David's Day, just three years after the date of his Majesty's letter. 3. Sir Francis Nethersole to [Sir Dudley Carleton]. Being again disposing himself to receive the blessed sacrament, he thinks it his duty to give Sir Dudley knowledge that he is the same true friend he has ever been to him. From the beginning foretold what the issue would be. Intreats him to make his peace with God, which will lead to his recovering the King's favour. His Majesty is the most gracious King this day living, and if Sir Dudley has no readier or surer mediator with his Majesty, the writer, who has already procured Sir Dudley three pardons, doubts not to re-integrate him in as high a degree of his Majesty's good opinion as he ever had. [*Copy in the handwriting of Sir Dudley Carleton, and stated by him to have been sent to him to Thistleworth (Isleworth). Three pages and a half.*]

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March 1. 4. Sec. Coke to Colonel Hollis. By his Majesty's command Lord Vere's chaplain, Mr. Goffe, was required to conform his service to our Book of Common Prayer. But herein he is opposed by some pretended classes of ministers, and the person addressed in particular has appeared therein. This office, unfit for a man of his place, his Majesty takes ill at the Colonel's hands, and requires him to desist, as he tenders the King's favour. It is no small dishonour to his Majesty's government, and also to our church and religion, that in a country where way is given to all sorts of religions, even to our factious and scandalous separatists, we should make difficulty in using that liturgy which is not only prescribed to all good subjects, but is also most agreeable to that which was used in the primitive and best times of the church, and which the most learned and religious much prefer before those naked and indigested forms, wherein the people have no part. [*Copy. One page and a half.*]

March 1. Aboard the Bonaventure, in the Downs. 5. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to Nicholas. The Lord Ambassador assuring the writer that his Lordship cannot be at Boulogne till the latter end of next week, he had returned to the Downs. In what rank he there stands he knows not, therefore he still bears the flag in the foretop. [*One page.*]

March 1. 6. Notes of Sir John Heydon: I. On the necessity of increasing the number of foundries for brass ordnance, so that the 74 pieces appointed by the King for the James and the Unicorn might be cast forthwith. II. On setting apart a place in the Tower as a workshop for Jasper Calthorpe, and erecting a forge there. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 1. 7. List of ships in want of harbour supply at Chatham. [*One page.*]

March 1. 8. List of Membranes and Rolls of the Pells of Receipt during the reigns of King James and King Charles. On the back are notes of payments to Sir Robert Carr [Karr] after this date. [*One page and a half.*]

March 2. Wallingford House. Lords of the Admiralty to Sir John Heydon, Lieutenant of the Ordnance. To supply deficiencies in the gunners' stores of the Prince, the Merhonor, and various other enumerated ships, all lying at Chatham. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 26 *a. Two thirds of a page.*]

March 2. Wallingford House. The same to the same. Similar letter for supply of Upnor Castle and Warham and Bay Sconces. [*Copy. Ibid. Half a page.*]

March 2. Wallingford House. The same to the Officers of the Navy. To permit James Allen, master gunner of the Constant Reformation, to go to Marseilles in France, and to Genoa, to prove iron ordnance sent thither by Browne, his Majesty's gun founder. An able man is to be appointed to attend in his absence, which is to be but for ten months. [*Copy Ibid., fol.* 27. *One third of a page.*]

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March 2. 9. Exemplification of depositions of William Cooke and John Constable, made in the Court of Admiralty, as to the purchase by them and George Robins at Flushing of a ship called the Angel of Flushing, and now the Hope of London. [*One page and a quarter.*]

March 2. 10. Petition of Elizabeth Pett, widow and administratrix of Peter Pett, to the Lords of the Admiralty. With reference to her former petition against Captain Phineas Pett (*see p.* 516), and his answer (*see Vol.* ccxxxii., *No.* 27.) She alleges that she is much indebted, and prays them to order that she may have 100*l.* at Lady-day next, and for the rest she will accept the same according to Capt. Phineas Pett's own proposition, provided she may have security with use according to the statute. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 2. 11. Petition of Henry Chitty, Mayor of Chichester, to the same. In answer to the charges brought against him by Isaac Thornbury of having been unwilling to assist in arresting Capt. John Powick, accused of piracy. (*See Vol.* ccxxxi., *No.* 69.) He states all the circumstances and refers in proof to annexed affidavits. He also charges malice and misconduct against Thornbury and Thomas Johnson, and concludes with a statement of his own past services. Prays satisfaction and dismissal from further attendance. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

11. I. *Affidavit of Christopher Lewkenor, Recorder of Chichester, in support of the statements in the above petition. Sworn,* 1633, *Feb.* 28. [*Two pages.*]

11. II. *Thomas Collins and John Greenfield, Justices of Peace of Chichester, to the Lord Treasurer and other Commissioners of the Navy* [*Lords of the Admiralty*]. *Certificate as to their knowledge of this matter.* [*Three quarters of a page.*]

11. III. *Thomas Comber, Constable of Chichester, to the same. Similar certificate.* [*Half a page.*]

March 2. 12. Agreement of the Earl of Lindsey, Lord Willoughby, and other Commissioners of Sewers, that in the several fens between Kyme East and the river Glen, certain enumerated lands shall be allowed for good and firm grounds and be excepted from the decree of tax for draining the fens. [*One page.*]

March 2. 13. Affidavit of Edmund Panton, of St. Bride's, London, girdler. In December last he embarked in the George of Dort with lanthorns and other goods to the value of 38*l.* to be transported to Dort. On the 7th December they were taken by the Sanctus Franciscus of Dunkirk, his goods were seized, and himself put aboard the Dunkirker, and afterwards aboard an oyster boat of Rochester, John Lane, master, which boat was also rifled. The rest of the company being Dutchmen, were carried to Dunkirk. [*Copy. One page and three quarters.*]

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[March 2.] 14. Copy of Nathaniel Terne's receipt for money paid for old cordage by David Davison, ropemaker; total, 202*l.* 0*s.* 9*d.* [*The transaction was completed in December last, but this copy of the receipt did not come to the hands of Nicholas until this day. One page.*]

[March 2 ?] 15. Notes by Nicholas for the [further ?] examination of David Davison, ropemaker, dwelling in St. Katherine's, respecting the above transaction, in which stores had been sold out of the yard at Chatham, and the produce not brought to account. [*Half a page.*]

[March 2 ?] 16. List by Nicholas of various naval persons to be examined, probably with reference to the sale to Davison above mentioned. [*One page.*]

March 3. 17. Petition of Lewis Le Myre, Apothecary in Ordinary to the King, the Prince and the Princess, to the King. Sets forth that various sums are due to him for provisions for embalming the body of the King's mother, for necessaries supplied to the household of the Prince and Princess, for his diet unpaid, and his annuity of 40*l.* four years behind. Prays reference to the Lord Treasurer, Lord Chamberlain, Lord Cottington, and Sir Henry Vane, or any of them. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Underwritten,*

17. 1. *Reference to the Lord Treasurer and Lord Cottington to take order for petitioner's satisfaction. Whitehall,* 1633, *March* 3. [*Quarter of a page.*]

March 3. 18. Sir William Russell to Nicholas. Received yesternight a letter from the Surveyor of the Navy, who is at Chatham busy with the rest of the officers in the General Survey, which would endure a fortnight. Nathaniel Terne and William Lawrence, Surveyors of the stores, are of such use that they cannot well work without them. It were fit to acquaint Sec. Coke therewith that the sending for them might be deferred. [*Half a page.*]

March 4. 19. Petition of Richard Delamain to the King. The King heretofore signified his pleasure that petitioner should have the sole making of a mathematical instrument extracted from the Logarithms and projected in circles for the speedy operating of mathematical practices, as also the printing of a book called Grammelogia, or the Mathematical Ring. Before the grant was prepared petitioner published the enlargement of the same invention to instrumental use, according to a scheme now presented to the King. Prays liberty to teach the use of the said instruments and other parts of the mathematical arts in London and other places in the kingdom, and that he may have the sole making of the said instrumental projections, one being in single circles, the other enlarged. *Underwritten,*

19. 1. *Reference to the Solicitor General to prepare a bill for his Majesty's signature. Whitehall,* 1633, *March* 4. [*Petition and reference, one page.*]

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March 4. Westminster. 20. Grant to Richard Delamain of the full power of making and putting to sale the instruments described in the preceding article, and also of teaching the use of the same, or any other of the mathematical arts, as prayed in his petition. [*Copy. Two pages and a quarter.*]

March 4. Whitehall. 21. The King to the Council of Scotland. Understands that they have discharged the letters of reprisal granted to the late Captain Robertson, but have not given order to deliver the ship and goods as formerly directed. It is the King's pleasure that they be delivered to the persons of Hamburgh authorized to receive the same. [*Copy. Three quarters of a page. "Sent by Joseph "Breme."*]

March 4. 22. Justices of Peace for co. Huntingdon to the Council. In accordance with their letters, the writers had sent warrants to the constables of Hemingford Gray, requiring them that if any persons should attempt any further inclosure there, they should be brought before the writers. These warrants were delivered to William Hamey, *alias* Mustard, constable of Hemingford. Notwithstanding the same warrants he has permitted others to inclose, and has himself caused an inclosure to be made of seven acres. Luke Field also has caused a similar inclosure of two acres and a half. [*One page. One of the signatures to this letter is "Rob. Bernard."*]

March 4. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Capt. Thomas Ketelby. Approve his diligence. He is to take on board the supply of victuals long since ordered for the Bonaventure, and to be at Boulogne by Wednesday or Thursday, when Lord Weston, the Ambassador, will be there. After landing him and his train in England, Ketelby is to repair to the Downs for further directions. [*Copy. See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 27. *Third of a page.*]

March 4. Whitehall. The same to [the Officers of the Ordnance]. To supply the Griffin of London, a new ship of 300 tons, lying in the Thames, with ordnance. Anthony Slaughter and others, owners, Thomas Babb, master. [*Copy. Ibid. Half a page.*]

March 4. Whitehall. The same to the Officers of the Navy. To weigh the cordage of Job Harby, recommended to be purchased in their letter of the 25th February last, at his Majesty's scale at Deptford, and receive it into his Majesty's storehouses. [*Copy. Ibid. fol.* 27*a*. *Two thirds of a page.*]

March 4. 23. John Vincent, saltpetreman, and others, to the Lords of the Admiralty. States the results of four applications made to George Mynnes for permission to dig in his pigeon house near Croydon, in Surrey, for saltpetre. The applications were refused, the applicants repelled by Mynnes's servants armed with pitchforks and bills, and on a meeting before Sir Nicholas Carew, the bailiff of Mynnes shewed a privilege which he said freed his master's ground

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from such service. Others, taking encouragement by this example, have in like manner denied liberty of searching for his Majesty's service. [*One page and a half.*]

March 4. Chatham. 24. Kenrick Edisbury to Sec. Coke. On Friday, on the King's coming to see the two new ships at Woolwich set sail, the writer attended on board the Charles where his Majesty continued about an hour, and then went into his barge and rowed about a mile in the ship's way and then returned for London to save the tide. After his Majesty was gone Edisbury sailed in the Charles as far as Gravesend. Both ships went down that tide below Lee and came on Saturday morning up the Medway. Both are very yare in the steerage and promise to prove good sailers. The Henrietta could not keep way with them. On Friday and Saturday the writer paid off the seamen returned in the Victory and the St. Dennis, turning over about 40 to serve in the Tenth Whelp. For want of munition and her sea victuals the Whelp cannot go to sea. Purposes to proceed now on the general survey of the ships' hulls and stores at Chatham. Suggests sale of remains of old stores, and laying out the money in repairs of storehouses damaged by the late tempests. Storekeepers should be restrained from receiving or issuing provisions without the writer's privity. Without this regulation no just account can be kept. Sir Henry Palmer not well of his spleen, having kept his chamber three or four days. [*Two pages.*]

March 4. Mitton. 25. Foulke Reed to Edward Viscount Conway. Purser's sons stand on their denial for clearing themselves from the accusation of Sir Nicholas Fortescue. William Fortescue, who dwells in Sir Nicholas's house does not know of any such offences. The writer has given knowledge that Lord Conway will be no protection of a tenant against any such accusation. States other particulars respecting the Pursers and their way of life, and leaves the case to Lord Conway's consideration. [*One page and a half.*]

March 4. Taunton. 26. Mayor and another of Taunton to William Walrond, Sheriff of co. Somerset. Certify the prices of corn and grain in the market at Taunton on the 23rd of February last. Wheat 4*s.* 8*d.* per bushel. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 4. Leadenhall Street. 27. Robert Pratt to Mr. Rawden. Marvels that Lord Conway's business proceeds so slowly. Presently after Easter the King goes to Scotland, and the week before and all that festival will be a time for devotion and not to dispatch business. From the 12th March to that time the Lord Treasurer will be so busy upon the receivers' declarations that he will have small time left to intend other occasions. Suggests various terms of arrangement, and advises that rather than not conclude it would be better to agree to the Lord Treasurer's own terms. [*The matter in question seems to have been a grant of Crown lands. One page and a half.*]

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March 5. Westminster. 28. The King to the Warders and Electors of the College of Winchester and of New College, Oxford. Recommends Harry Murray, son of the late Sir James Murray, and godson of Prince Henry and Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia, to be chosen at the next election into the first fellow's place in New College, Oxford, which shall belong to their choice. [*One page.*]

March 5. 29. Archbishop Abbot to Sir William Ashton. Licence for Sir William with his wife Anne, and any five other persons whom he might invite to his table, to eat meat on days prohibited. The inability of Sir William to eat fish was certified by Matthew Lister, the King's physician. [*Eighteen lines.*]

March 5. Whitehall. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on the petition of Isaac Thornbury (*see Vol.* ccxxxi., *No.* 69). After hearing the answer of Henry Chitty (*see before, this Volume, No.* 11), and the proofs on both sides, the Lords not only order Chitty to be presently discharged, but require Thornbury, for his unjust accusing of a magistrate of so good merit, to pay the charge of the messenger that was sent for Chitty, and they declare Thornbury unworthy to be employed under the Vice-Admiral of Sussex or the Officers of the Customs. [*See Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 28. *One page. Copy.*]

March 5. Chatham. 30. Kenrick Edisbury to Sir William Russell. Reports his proceedings at Chatham as in his letter to Sec. Coke of the 4th instant. Appointed the next day to begin the survey of the hulls, but Mr. Goddard and Peter Pett are not come down. Understands that Goddard says if he have not travelling charges allowed him he will not stir. Prays Sir William to send for the peevish fellow and advise him to better conformity. If he delay his coming Edisbury will complain to the Lords, which may fall out contrary to his esteem of himself. Sir Henry Palmer came up the hill this afternoon, but is weak and looks very ill. [*One page and a half.*]

March 6. Whitehall. 31. The King to the town of Leicester. The Earl of Stamford purposes to follow the example of some other of his degree, who dwelling near good towns have erected common brewhouses whereby their neighbours are provided of good and wholesome drink at reasonable prices, and the multitude of tippling houses is much repressed. The King recommends the furtherance of this proposal to those who exercise authority in Leicester, that this business may be well settled for the public good. If any oppose, they shall require their reasons in writing, that they may be well weighed by those to whom the King shall commit the consideration thereof. [*Copy. One page.*]

March 6. 32. First draft of the preceding. Like it, this also is in the handwriting of Sec. Coke. There are considerable differences between it and the previous article. [*One page.*]

March 6. 33. Petition of Rice Thomas, master gunner of the Tenth Whelp, to the Lords of the Admiralty. About a year since, on the com-

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plaint of Capt. Stradling, petitioner was sent for by warrant and committed to prison, where he remained a month and upwards. On examination he was cleared, and two months since entered again into his place. Has served in the Navy since the voyage to Cadiz, and has been master gunner of the Tenth Whelp ever since she was built. In consideration of his services and guiltless sufferings prays order that he may be confirmed in his place. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 6. Rochester. [Chichester?] 34. John Ashburnham to Nicholas, described as "Nicholas "Nicholas Esq." We, that is, the Mayor and Recorder of Chichester, desire to know from the Lords of the Admiralty what they will have done with Poick's [Powick's] men which are now in prison. [*Half a page.*]

March 6. 35. Sir Sampson Darrell to same. Delivered the Lords' order to Thomas Osborne, who says he will not deliver up the house. Begs him to acquaint the Lords and procure a warrant for his commitment. [*See Vol.* ccxxxii., *No.* 67. *Half a page.*]

March 6. 36. Presentment of a jury at the Assizes held at Milton near Gravesend, that Sir Anthony Roper of Farningham, in Kent, had depopulated and put down tenements on his estate heretofore used by persons for tillage of 500 acres of land. [*Half a page.*]

March 6. 37. Justices of the Peace for co. Dorset to the Sheriff. Certificate of their proceedings in the division of Sherborne in binding out apprentices and relief of the poor. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 7. Chatham. 38. Nathaniel Terne to Sir William Russell. Sends him the particulars of the brown paper stuff sold out of the stores at Chatham to David Davison. Sir Henry Palmer has disbursed some part of the moneys to his Majesty's use, and the rest he is accountable for. In the Commissioners' time it was sold by their own power and has been so since. It was a good work and sold to his Majesty's best advatage. [*One page.*] *Incloses,*

38. I. *Account of refuse ends and decayed junk sold out of the stores at Chatham to David Davison; total,* 158*l.* 18*s.* 3*d.*, *with receipt for that sum, signed by Sir Henry Palmer.* [*Copy. Three quarters of a page.*]

March 7. Whitehall. 39. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be considered by the Lords of the Admiralty. New ships to be built; estimate of extraordinaries; guard for the coast of Ireland; Mr. Cooke recommended for pilot of the Black Deeps. [*One page.*]

March 7. Note by Sec. Windebank of resolution of Lords of the Admiralty this day. The King to be moved for building two ships this year with the timber already provided, and likewise concerning the building of less ships, for which purpose the Trinity men to be called, and his Majesty to be at the meeting, if he shall so please. [*See Vol.* ccxxvi., *No.* 7. *Five lines.*]

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March 7. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To send an estimate of the charge of maintaining the Mary Rose with 120 men for eight months at sea, and one of the Whelps with 60 men for the whole year; and another estimate for two of the Whelps with 60 men apiece, the one for eight months, the other for the whole year; both estimates being for a guard for the coast of Ireland. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 28 *a. Half a page.*]

March 7. Whitehall. The same to Sir John Heydon. The Maria pinnace being appointed to be manned with 10 men besides the boatswain, to ride in harbour at Portsmouth over and against the dock there for guard of his Majesty's ships there, he is to supply her with gunners' stores. [*Copy. Ibid. Half a page.*]

March 7. Whitehall. The same to Edward Lord Gorges and other Justices of Peace for co. Wilts, acting for the division of New Sarum. Send them a copy of a petition from the Mayor and Commonalty of New Sarum to be freed from the charge of carrying timber for the Navy. Wish to be advertised the true state of this business. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 29. *Half a page.*]

March 7. Whitehall. The same to all Sheriffs, Deputy Lieutenants, and others, his Majesty's officers and subjects. To give order that no officer belonging to the Navy or the dockyards be charged with any office or service whereby he may be withdrawn from his continual care and attendance in his place in the Navy. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 29. *One page.*]

March 8. 40. Petition of Robert Edmonds, an inhabitant of Blackfriars, to the Council. Petitioner has often petitioned concerning a partition wall between his house and that of Francis Warren, which was ordered to be taken down. That order has only been partially performed. Prays them to consider the danger of fire, and infection arising from the present state of the premises. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

40. 1. *Report of John Williams and others appointed by the Council to inspect the partition wall alluded to in the above petition. They are of opinion that the owners or the carpenter who undertook the work should be compelled to reform the same.* 1633, *March* 8. [*Damaged by damp. One page.*]

March 8. 41. Petition of Edward Lascelles to the Lords of the Admiralty. For a long time has had the purser's place of the Fifth Whelp, as deputy to William Brissenden. He having surrendered the place to the petitioner, he prays to be admitted to the same. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Annexed,*

41. 1. *Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Recommend Lascelles for the appointment he solicits.* 1633, *March* 8. [*Indorsed by Nicholas, "Fiat." One page.*]

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March 9. Whitehall. Order of the Lords of the Admiralty on the petition of Peter Ray and others, of the Tenth Whelp. Petitioners were by their captain put aboard a merchant ship laden with tobacco, to bring her to the Custom House, which they did. On returning to the Downs they found that their ship had been commanded to the westward, and they waited there 51 days at an expense of 35*l.* 14*s.* for her return. The farmers of the Customs sent them 25*l.* for their relief. Pray payment of the remaining 10*l.* 14*s.* Referred to the Officers of the Navy, who are to confer with the farmers of the Customs. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 31 *a. Three quarters of a page.*]

March 9. Whitehall. Order of the same on the petition of Michael Tomlin, complaining of an assault in the execution of a warrant out of the Court of Admiralty held at Exeter, for co. Devon, to arrest John Sheeres. Referred to Sir Henry Marten to examine and certify. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 32. *Three quarters of a page.*]

March 9. Whitehall. Answer of the same to the petition of Thomas Boulton to the King, referred to the Lords of the Admiralty on 17 November 1632. Petitioner prayed payment of 156*l.* for freight of the Return and Mary Magdalene of Woodbridge, employed in the expeditions to Rhé and Rochelle. The Lords answered that the petitioner should be taken care of as soon as a course was taken for payment of others of a like nature. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 32 *a. Half a page.*]

March 9. Chatham. 46. Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report that whilst the other masters have served by turns John Goodwin alone has remained at Portsmouth. He deserves as a reward an allowance extraordinary. Having a respect to his deserts they hope the Lords will afford him their favour for his relief. [*See Vol.* cxxxi., *p.* 513, *and Vol.* cxxxii., *No.* 98. *One page.*]

March 9. The Ninth Whelp, Bristol. 47. Capt. Dawtry Cooper to the same. Daily reports of spoils committed by Norman on the coast of Ireland since the writer came thence. There is also another pirate of 40 pieces of ordnance there. Importunes them for a speedy dispatch. Understands there is a survey sent up whereby his ship is disabled for present services. This was occasioned by his ill officers, who think to smother their discredit by getting the ship to be called in. The truth is she wants nothing but slight repairs and might be under sail within a fortnight. Incloses a proposition for his Majesty's service which he desires may be judged of according to its true meaning. [*One page.*] *Inclosed,*

47. 1. *Proposition for suppression of pirates. It is suggested that ten men, each allowed* 20*l. per annum, should be quartered at the ports usually frequented by the pirates, and whenever a pirate appears, should post to Kinsale to give notice to the King's ships there, one of whom would be able to come upon the pirate before he had time to trim or victual.* [*One page.*]

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March 9. 48. Petition of Capt. Daniel le Clerke and John Blomartier, merchant, and owners of the ship Salamander, and subjects of the States of the United Provinces, to the same. By virtue of a commission of the Prince of Orange they took a Portugal ship called Nostra Signora de Rosario, which put into Plymouth. She was there attached, but after hearing adjudged lawful prize. From that sentence there was an appeal to the Lords. Pray them to appoint a day for sentence. [*On the same sheet are written long notes by Nicholas, apparently the first rough draft of a report or other paper in relation to the ordnance accounts of Lord Valentia on the Cadiz expedition. Petition and other writings, two pages.*]

March 9. 49. Deputy Lieutenants of co. Stafford to Robert Earl of Essex, Lord Lieutenant. Sir Humphrey Stiles having complained that the writers have wronged him in returning his name among the defaulters at the last muster, alleging that his estate in Staffordshire does not deserve to be charged with a horse, they reply that Robert Peshall, father of Sir Humphrey's lady, stood charged with a horse and arms, and constantly shewed the same, and that Sir Robert Boswell, Lady Stiles's former husband, was charged in the same manner. The same estate having come to Sir Humphrey the writers cannot do less than continue him in the same charge. He has in Staffordshire 150*l.* a year, and in Leicestershire 300*l.* a year, and in the latter county stands not charged with any horse in respect of his service here. [*One page and three quarters.*]

March 9. Warwick. 50. Justices of Peace for co. Warwick to Sir Thomas Lucy, Sheriff. Certify their proceedings for relief of the poor within the hundred of Kington. They have levied money upon recusants who have absented themselves from church, bound out apprentices, and punished rogues and wandering beggars. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 9. 51. Notes in the handwriting of Sec. Windebank, extracted from a book, or pamphlet, on the History and Power of Parliaments, and especially of the House of Commons. The notes are referred to the pages of the original book, and run from p. 2 to p. 82. In the indorsements the book extracted from is mentioned as "Sir Fr. Ken. "Parl.," the person referred to being probably Sir Francis Kinaston. The spirit of the publication will be apparent from one or two extracts. "The Commons should not think their relation which "they have to the country, by being the representative body of it, "ought to engage them so far as to die or suffer for it, by resisting "the King's pleasure or ends, who is the head of the country, and "to whom God by His grace hath given the whole country. . . . . "There should be no capitulation with the King, on even terms "of contribution and retribution, as *ex debito*, for what subjects "give to their King is of duty, and what is given by the King is "of grace. . . . . No relation to the country should be so "prevalent to make them forget or neglect their greater relation

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"of allegiance and subjection they have to their sovereign. They "ought not to propose, much less prefer, their own good or ends, "before the King's good and welfare, for if no one particular man "ought to respect his own good above the King's safety, then "neither ought another, nor any man whatsoever." [*Four pages and a half. In a few places damaged by damp.*]

March 9. 52. Copy of the preceding paper, made before it was injured by damp. [*Eleven pages and a half.*]

March 9. 53. Another similar copy. [*Nine pages and a half.*]

March 9. 54. Capt. Francis Hooke to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has brought the Fifth Lion's Whelp from Dublin to Portsmouth. Enumerates the defects in her which need reparation. Mr. Pett, the master shipwright of Deptford yards, says they may be all done for 50*l.* She is tight under water and very strong. The company are paid to Michaelmas last. She is victualled till the 2nd May. [*One page.*]

March 9. 55. Duplicate of the preceding. [*One page.*]

March 9. 56. Note of remembrance made by Stephen Danske concerning the land carriage of 1,200 loads of his Majesty's timber out of the forest of Alice Holt, in Hants, to Hamhaw, to the water side there, being 20 miles. Danske states that he applied to the Justices of Surrey concerning such carriage, and that they answered that they had written to the Council to be eased of some part of the charge. [*One page and a quarter.*]

March 9. 57. Relation of Thomas Cook, boatswain, touching an anchor and cables in the custody of William Leonard at Dover, with note of Kenrick Edisbury, recommending that the Lord Treasurer should send his warrant for the same. Sec. Coke has added his direction for a warrant to be sent with the ketch to fetch the same away. [*One page and a quarter.*]

March 10. Chatham. 58. Kenrick Edisbury to Sir Kenelm Digby at his house in the Charterhouse. Reports his proceedings since the 1st March, going down the river with the new ships, and afterwards proceeding with the general survey of ships and stores at Chatham. The preparation of estimates desired by the Lords for ships to serve on the coast of Ireland, will lose him a day in the survey. Explains the circumstances respecting the cables and anchor mentioned in the last article. Is persuaded the cables belonged to one of the ships cast away on the coast of France in 1625. [*Two pages.*]

March 11. 59. Petition of William Davies to the King. Petitioner being lately employed beyond seas under the Marquis of Hamilton, Sir Thomas Canon pretending title to certain lands of his in co. Pembroke, wrought upon the tenants to attorn to him. Being no way able to deal with Sir Thomas, who is rich and powerful and

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of great experience in suits of law, petitioner prays the King to order the lands to be delivered to him again until the title be tried by law. [*Three quarters of a page. Indorsed "Delivered by the "Lord Marquis Hamilton."*]

March 11. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 60. Mayor and others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the Council. Recount the circumstances of a riot of apprentices on the Tuesday preceding, being Shrove Tuesday. They pulled down a lime kiln belonging to Christopher Reasley, situate on the Ballast Hills, without the walls. Some of the rioters having been arrested, the rioters fastened Sandgate Gate against the Mayor and others who were returning with them to prison, and afterwards, when they were lodged in gaol, rescued them. The rioters then, and on the two subsequent days, assembled again on the Ballast Hills, and endeavoured to pull down Reasley's house which they partly accomplished. Arming themselves with pikes and halberts, they withstood the Mayor and Justices, who could get little assistance from the Burgesses, who secretly sided with the rioters. Ultimately some few arrests were made, but the writers apprehended some further wicked practice. [*Three pages.*]

March 11. Newcastle-upon Tyne. 61. Duplicate of the preceding letter. In the margin Sec. Coke has noted that "the pretence of this insolence was that this lime "kiln had been erected in prejudice of the drying of their clothes, "and their walks after service." [*Three pages.*]

March 11. 62. Promise of Thomas Manley, that having received warrant from John Rowdon to receive 337*l.* 10*s.* for his pensions due at Christmas, he would render a just account of so much as he should receive of the amount. [*Half a page.*]

March 11. 63. Certificate of the Mayor, and others, of St. Alban's, of their proceedings at their monthly meetings for relief of the poor. [*One page.*]

March 11. 64. Catalogue of such Parliament books and papers as were by his Majesty's command conveyed from the house of John Wright, late clerk of the Parliament, deceased, to Mr. Sec. Windebank's lodging in Whitehall. [*Three pages and a quarter.*]

March 11. 65. Copy of the same, on which there is a memorandum of Sir Joseph Williamson, that the original was in the handwriting of Mr. Reade, secretary to Mr. Secretary Windebank. [*Three pages and a quarter.*]

March 12. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To give warrant to the Treasurer of the Navy to pay Capt. Richard Plumleigh, who served as Admiral in the Victory, from the 12 November last, the date of his commission, until the ship was paid off, after the rate of 20*s.* per day. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 31. *Third of a page.*]

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March 12. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Mr. Johnson His Majesty having referred the accounts of Viscount Valentia, Master of the Ordnance in the expedition to Cadiz, to be perused and examined, the person addressed is not to go out of town until that business has been perfected. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 31. *Third of a page.*]

March 12. Whitehall. The same to the Officers of the Navy. To make up bills for the freight of ships which served and were discharged, before the order of the 26th May 1628, according to the old way of measuring ships. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 31*a*. *Half a page.*]

March 12. Londesborough. 66. Henry Lord Clifford to the Mayor of Newcastle. Regrets the tumult lately raised in their town, which has hitherto been so well governed. If they had assembled the train bands to apprehend the rioters, and had had good guard and watch over the apprehended, the delinquents had not been so easily rescued, and consequently the tumult sooner ended. They have the Sheriff of the county dwelling amongst them, and the Deputy Lieutenants of Northumberland to assist them. He has done very advisedly to advertise the Council. If the disorder increases, on notice, the writer will not fail to give his best assistance. [*Copy. One page.*]

March 12. Whitehall. 67. Sec. Coke to Attorney General Noy. It is the King's pleasure that he take surrender from Sir William Washington and Dame Anne his wife, and also from the Earl of Dorset, of the office of parker or keeper of the parks of Grafton and Purie in co. Northampton, and make fresh grants thereof to Sir Francis Crane, Chancellor of the Garter, for the lives of Richard Crane and Anne Washington, and in reversion to the Earl of Dorset. [*One page.*]

March 12. 68. Copy of the preceding. [*One page.*]

March 12. Island of Purbeck. 69. Giles Green to Nicholas. The Lords of the Admiralty granted out their warrants for Mr. Francis Chaldecott, and his son, upon complaints of the Ambassadors for the States for taking goods near Mr. Chaldecott's lands in Purbeck, for recovery whereof the proprietors procured commissions out of the Admiralty, and from Sir John Banks, Lord of that island. On those commissions the writer and the rest of the Commissioners had proceeded, and hope they have given satisfaction to Mr. Vandeputt on behalf of the two proprietors, and have reconciled the differences between them and Mr. Chaldecott and his son. In their behalf, the writer now earnestly desires Nicholas to pray the Lords for the ease of their personal attendance, the father being full of infirmities and upwards of four score, and so fond of his son that he will rather endanger his own life than hazard his son to the Lords' displeasure. [*One page.*]

March 12. 70. Certificate of Henry Burton, rector, and Richard Clay, churchwarden of St. Matthew's, Friday Street, that Michael Winterbeck, who has been a parishioner of that parish since Michaelmas

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last, has been married to his wife Mary since Allhallows. He says he is desirous to travel with his wife and apprentice to Brussels, where he was born and where his parents live. [*Half a page.*]

March 13. Westminster. 71. The King to the University of Oxford. Charter of inspeximus and confirmation of a grant to the Chancellor, Masters, and scholars of the University of Oxford, dated the 12th November last past, whereby the King gave them power to appoint three printers and booksellers for printing and sale of all books not prohibited. Besides confirming the above-mentioned privileges by the present charter, it was granted that each printer might have two presses, and take two apprentices, with other privileges. Lat. [*Copy. Two pages and a quarter.*] *Prefixed,*

71. I. *Copy of the previous charter of the 12th November* 1632, *above mentioned. Lat.* [*One page and a quarter.*]

March 13. Morpeth. 72. Justices of Peace for Northumberland to the Council. They had taken an exact survey of the bridges and highways, and a speedy course for their present repair. They doubt not but before his Majesty shall come down, they will be sufficiently repaired. [*One page.*]

March 13. 73. Petition of Anne, Lettice, and Martha Harpur, daughters of Thomas Harpur, deceased, to the same. Sir Richard Fleetwood was bound to pay to their father 40*l.* yearly as a rent charge, until he should be disposed to repay a principal sum. This being given to petitioners by their father as their portion, Sir Richard unjustly for two years detained the same, thereby exposing them to miserable extremities. Having lately by course of law recovered judgment against his lands, they are now debarred by his Majesty's protection. Pray them to represent to his Majesty that by this act of favour Sir Richard is enabled to live in plenty, and the petitioners for want of this small rent are exposed to the extremest degrees of necessity, wherefore they desire the King either to permit them to proceed against Sir Richard's lands, or otherwise to give order to Sir Richard for present satisfaction of their arrears and charges. [*One page.*] *Annexed,*

73. I. *Order that Sir Richard Fleetwood shew cause within one month why his Majesty should not be moved to dissolve the protection granted to him, there being nothing more contrary to his Majesty's intention than that his favour should be abused to the countenancing unjust courses.* 1633, *March* 13. [*Half a page.*]

March 13. Whitehall. 74. Minutes of proceedings of the Council of the Society for Fishing. The oath for the Commons approved, and taken by Henry Lord Maltravers, Sir Nicholas Fortescue, Sir Sampson Darrell, Richard White, Capt. John Mason, Sir William Howard, son of the Earl Marshal, Capt. William Bradshaw, and Robert Taylor. Form of certificates of ownership settled. [*One page.*]

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March 13. Draft of the same Minutes by Nicholas. [*See Vol.* ccxxxii., *No.* 74.]

March 13. Whitehall. 75. Form of Oath of the Commons, Members of the Society for Fishing, before alluded to, with the signatures of the Council of the Society approving the same. [*One page.*]

March 13. 76. Draft of the same, with various amendments. [*One page.*]

March 13. 77. Giles Green to Nicholas. Has directed Francis Chaldecott and his son the way of submission by petition. Other persons on the messengers' warrant have delivered up the goods, which were the cause of their questioning. [*Half a page.*]

March 13. York. 78. Vice President and Council at York to Thomas Viscount Wentworth. Report to him the measures taken by them on being apprized by the Mayor and others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne of the great riot in that town. 1. They have ordered the serjeant-at-arms to attach persons who are by name complained of. 2. They have written to the neighbouring Sheriffs to be assisting to the Mayor. 3. They intend to give direction to proceed against the offenders as they find cause. [*One page.*]

March 13. 79. Survey by the Officers of the Navy of the naval stores and provisions aboard the Prince Royal, the Merhonour, the Anne Royal, the Defiance, the Red Lion, the Dieu Repulse, the Vanguard, the Rainbow, the Reformation, and the Nonsuch. The survey made on the 12th and 13th inst. [*Twenty-eight pages.*]

March 14. Westminster. 80. The King to Sir Arthur Mainwaring and Andrew Pitcairn. Grant of all sums of money, part of the revenue arising from recusants which remained unpaid, over, or not accounted for, in the hands of any Commissioners, Sheriffs, or other persons. [*Copy. Four pages and a half.*]

March 14. 81. Petition of Nicholas Pollhill, Robert Powlett, and others, merchants in the West, to the Lords of the Admiralty. On a petition to his Majesty remonstrating the insupportable losses petitioners have received from the Dutch, he referred the way of reparation to the Lords of the Admiralty. Pray to be heard, being ready to make it appear that it is nothing less than an utter impossibility to expect satisfaction in the Netherlands. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 14. 82. Petition of Charles Keane, Clerk, to the same. Has served five years and upwards at sea, and for the last three years constantly with Capt. Richard Plumleigh, in the convoy of Lord Cottington from Spain, of Sir Henry Vane to Gluckstadt, and in this last fleet for the convoy of his Majesty's sister the Lady Elizabeth. Prays recommendation to the Bishop of London to mediate with the King for some preferment. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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March 14. London. 83. Certificate by Ambrose Regemorterus, minister of the Dutch Church in London. That Giles Van Brugh was a member of that church, a man of sound faith and honest life and conversation, and an elder of the church. [*Half a page.*]

March 14. 84. Survey by the Officers of the Navy of the stores at Chatham taken between the 4th and 14th instant. [*Forty-eight pages.*]

March 14. 85. Certificate of Sir William Russell, Sir Henry Palmer, Sir Henry Mervyn, and others, of the competency of Richard Hals to be purser in any of the King's ships. [*One page.*]

March 15. 86. Justices of Peace for co. Hertford to the Council. Have taken order for repair of the bridges without exception, and the highways to a tolerable condition, upon his Majesty's road into Scotland, and for a way through private grounds where the ordinary way is not easy for coaches. The ways could not be so fast repaired as they would still be destroyed, unless the unlawful loads of carriages of all kinds were reduced. [*One page.*]

March 15. Whitehall. 87. Sec. Windebank to John Dickenson, Clerk of the Council, attending. By Order of Council of the 18th July last the Lords not being satisfied with the proofs produced by Robert Yeo against Thomas Badcock and John Balson, ordered that Yeo should pay 10*l.* towards Badcock and Balson's charges, with the messenger's fees. Yeo having been beyond seas has performed no part of that order. He is to prepare a warrant for his apprehension. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 15. Sarum. 88. Dr. Edmund Mason, Dean of Sarum, to Sec. Windebank. Until this day it did not please Mr. Sherfield to repair to the Bishop to offer his submission. Before he came, all things were settled with the Bishop according to the inclosed form of submission. But because the Bishop is now upon his journey to preach at court, and the time too short to call in such assistance and testimony as the Bishop by advice thought fit, the day is put off to the 8th April, when he will be returned and many more will be ready to attend. Does not doubt it will be solemnly done when it is done, but rather suspects that Mr. Sherfield will not condescend to all conditions and circumstances required, wherein, lest the Bishop should out of his facility be overwrought to connivance, he hopes that at court they will take order for his better direction and confirmation. The submission was drawn by the writer in a more significant form, but many passages the Bishop rased out. Incloses the form as originally drawn as a testimony of the writer's readiness to obey the Sec.'s commands. Trusts the Bishop will be confirmed in his resolution, that the faction that now domineers in his diocese may have a warning example. Recommends petition of Dr. Lynne for the charges of the prosecution of Mr. Sherfield, which it is desired should be presented to the King, and it is thought the Bishop of London would second it. In all business of ecclesiastical defence

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the Bishop of Salisbury casts backward and retires himself into caution and silence. [*One page.*] *Incloses,*

88. I. *Form of submission for Mr. Sherfield as at first devised by the Dean. It is headed with an old Latin form of reconciling a schismatic.* [*One page.*]

88. II. *Acknowledgment and submission propounded by the Bishop of Salisbury, and by him thought fit to be made by Mr. Sherfield, according to the decree of the Court of Star Chamber.* [*Two pages.*]

88. III. *Petition of Marmaduke Lynne, Doctor of Law, to the King. On a second petition for his charges in the Court of Star Chamber against Henry Sherfield, petitioner has been enjoined to produce some precedent wherein a prosecutor, not entered as relator, has obtained his costs against the delinquent after censure. He had stated cases of Sir Kenelm Digby, the Earl of Suffolk against Sir Richard Grenville, and that against Sir Francis Ashley and Bonham Norton; but could get no answer. Prays the King to vouchsafe him some relief.* [*Altered by Sec. Windebank, apparently with the intention of being presented to the King in more acceptable form. Windebank has noted on the back* 132*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*, *as being the amount of the charges alluded to. One page.*]

March 15. 89. Narrative containing the censure in Sherfield's case, an account of what took place between him and the Bishop of Salisbury this day, and the two forms of acknowledgment suggested for him to make. [*Four pages.*]

March 15. 90. Certificate of Justices of Peace for co. Hertford, of their proceedings in execution of the book of printed Orders, for relief of the poor within the hundreds of Hertford and Braughin. [*One page.*]

March 15. 91. Survey by the Officers of the Navy of the naval provisions and stores aboard the Garland, the Entrance, the Mary Rose, the First Whelp, the Fourth Whelp, the Eagle, lighter, the Moon, and the Seven Stars; the survey taken on the 14th and 15th instant. [*Eighteen pages.*]

March $\frac{15}{25}$. St. Sebastian. 92. Prestwick Eaton to George Wellingham. Wishes him to send a dozen pair of "Cordovall" gloves, white with short fingers, after the Spanish fashion. The writer will give them the perfume of that country. [*One page.*]

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March 16. Westminster. 1. The King to Bishop Coke, of Bristol. The revenues of divers bishoprics have been so diminished that they suffice not to maintain the Bishops according to their place and dignity; the King, partly to see the Bishops decently supplied and partly to prevent their holding churches in commendam, which has bred some scandal, has thought fit to signify his pleasure to the Bishops of those sees for joining some convenient means unto them. Being informed that there is but one life remaining in the lease of the manor of Abbott's Cromwell, near Tortworth, co. Gloucester, of good yearly value, the Bishop and his successors are commanded to hold those premises in their own hands, or at least not to let the same otherwise than for the term of their continuance in that see. These letters are to be safely kept in the office of the Bishop's register. [*Copy. Two pages and a quarter.*]

March 16. 2. Sir James Perrott to Nicholas. Has written to the Earl of Pembroke, entreating him to apply to the Lords of the Admiralty that there may be a reference to some chief gentlemen of the country to examine the complaint against Sir Thomas Canon, for Sir Henry Marten is not in town, and neither he nor any other can examine it here. If the letter to Lord Pembroke comes to Nicholas's hands, the writer begs he may receive the resolution of the Lords before he departs. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Incloses,*

2. 1. *Names of some principal persons to examine the complaint of Sir James Perrott against Sir Thomas Canon.* [*Half a page.*]

March 16. 3. Minutes by Nicholas of matters to be submitted to the Lords of the Admiralty; among them, George Mynnes, clerk of the hanaper, attends upon complaint of the saltpetremen of Surrey. [*Margin,* Is discharged.] What ships shall be appointed to go to Scotland. [*Margin,* Dreadnought.] Lord Chief Justice of Ireland's letter complaining of Norman, the pirate, who was Nutt's vice-admiral. Consider the order drawn respecting Thornbury and the Mayor of Chichester, and what shall be done with the two men in prison on suspicion of piracy. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 16. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. Return them a letter of the Lord Marshal desiring satisfaction to Robert Cousins, master of a hoy called the Amity, as well for the hire of the same as for losses sustained, which are estimated at 30*l.*, upon which letter it seems the officers have given warrant to the Treasurer of the Navy for payment of the same. When a vessel is taken up for his Majesty's service, there ought not to be allowed anything but the freight; yet, as the poor man was forced to go farther than he was hired for, the officers are authorized to give warrant for 30*l.* in full. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 32 *a. Three quarters of a page.*]

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March 16. Whitehall. The Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. To give warrant to supply the Dreadnought in such sort that she may be completely victualled for five months from the first of May next. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 33. *Third of a page.*]

March 16. Whitehall. The same to the same. To enter Robert Fisher, master carpenter of the Garland, in place of William Hall, deceased. [*Copy. Ibid. Third of a page.*]

March 16. Whitehall. The same to the same. To enter John Hodyern, master carpenter, in the new ship the Charles. [*Minute. Ibid. Quarter of a page.*]

March 16. 4. Opinion of Attorney General Noy on the proposed grant to Sir Alexander Gordon and Robert Moore, of power to compound for pardons with those who have not served apprenticeships. (*See Vol.* ccxxxii., *No.* 123.) The Attorney General argues, that it may be for the public advantage to license particular men in such cases, and refers to the proclamation of 10 July, 19 James I., in which a similar patent formerly complained of was revoked. [*One page.*]

March 17. Aboard the Bonaventure, in Dover Road. 5. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to the Lords of the Admiralty. Has observed their commands for fetching over the Lord Ambassador. At his first coming into Boulogne road he found there the Admiral of Amsterdam, who bare her flag until the writer gave her a shot, when she struck it and presently hoisted it again. He sent his Lieutenant on board to command him to take in his flag, or prepare to defend the same. He argued and kept it up till he saw the Lieutenant entering his ship, and then he took in the same. Two days after came into the same road the Admiral of Holland, with 10 or 12 ships of war, who, within reasonable distance struck his flag, and at a time after hoisted the same, the second time struck it, saluted the ship with seven pieces of ordnance, and again hoisted the same. This homage the writer conceived not sufficient, and therefore sent his lieutenant as before, but the Hollander took in his flag, and so kept it till his departure. On Ketelby's return with the Ambassador he met on our own coast ten sail of Hollanders between Dover and Folkestone, one bare his flag on the maintop, the other his topsails a-trip; what the effect was he leaves to the relation of the Lord Ambassador. Will repair to the Downs for further commands. [*One page.*]

March 17. 6. Extract from the same. [*One page.*]

March 18. 7. Attorney General Noy to the King. Report on claims preferred by Sir Edmund Sawyer to certain forest liberties long since granted to the Abbots of Waltham. The opinion is that these liberties did not pass to Sir Edmund, most of them being extinguished by the union of possession of the manor [now in possession of Sir Edmund Sawyer], and the forest in the Crown, on the dissolution of the monasteries. [*One page.*]

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March 18. 8. William Boswell, Ambassador at the Hague, to the Council. Extract in the handwriting of a secretary of Bishop Laud, of a passage descriptive of the state of church government among the Merchant Adventurers at Delft. He describes it as entirely Presbyterian, and that the company fell into that fashion at the first grant of free exercise of religion. Mr. Davison, Queen Elizabeth's Ambassador, was an elder of their church, as Mr. G. Gilpin, then Secretary of the Company, was afterwards. In Divine Service they neither officiate "according to their mother English," nor keep the canons of the Reformed Belgic churches. They have never had any regular constitutions. The Deputy, Mr. Misselden, and Mr. Forbes, the present minister, are irreconcilably at variance, the Deputy challenging them for want of Liturgy, Catechism, Confession, set forms of Prayer for Marriage, or for celebration of the Sacrament, exercise of the Lord's Prayer, and solemn Thanksgiving and Anniversaries for the Birth and Death of our Saviour, "things, "if true, of most insufferable nature, and most dangerous conse- "quence." [*Two pages and a half.*]

March 18. Mincing Lane. 9. Kenrick Edisbury to Nicholas. Wishes him to send a warrant to fetch away two cables now in a storehouse of his Majesty in Dover, in charge of William Leonard. How they came thither the writer cannot learn, but the boatswain sent to view them reports that they are acknowledged to be the King's. The old cordage at Chatham is allowed to have been sold for the King's use, why the officers deferred so long to account for it they must show reason. Reports his progress with the survey. Would fain hasten to Portsmouth. [*One page.*]

March 18. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Ordnance. To permit the owners of the Blessing of God, of London, burthen 60 tons, Alexander Child and others owners, to furnish their ship with six pieces of cast-iron ordnance out of the founder's store in East Smithfield. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 33 *a. Half a page.*]

March 18. Whitehall. The same to the Officers of the Navy. To send for two cables and an anchor long since left at Dover in the charge of one Leonard, and bring them to his Majesty's storehouse at Chatham. They are also to cause the remains of past times to be searched that it may be discovered how this abuse arose. [*Copy. Ibid. Half a page.*]

March 18. Whitehall. The same to Capt. George Carteret. Warrant of appointment as Captain of the Eighth Lion's Whelp, employed for guard of the Narrow Seas. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 34. *Quarter of a page.*]

March 18. Whitehall. The same to Capt. Richard Fogg. Warrant of appointment as Captain of the Tenth Lion's Whelp, employed for guard of the Narrow Seas. [*Minute. Ibid. Four lines.*]

March 18. 10. Petition of Francis Chaldecott and William Chaldecott his son to the Lords of the Admiralty. They have in all dutifulness

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submitted themselves, and have given full satisfaction to the owners of the shipwrecked goods. Pray to be discharged from personal attendance. [*One page.*]

March 18. 11. Sec. Windebank to [the Justices of Assize] of co. Bedford. By letters of the 10th inst. from the Council they were required to call before them Sir Edward Duncombe, and cause him to find security for speedy repairing a highway between Hockley and Woburn. His Majesty will take some other course for that reparation, they are therefore to forbear to proceed according to the directions of that letter. [*Draft. Half a page.*]

March 18. Christ Church. [Oxford.] 12. Paul Viscount Bayning to Anne Viscountess Dorchester. Thanks her for inclining to his request about the house in Mark Lane. She fears the censure of the world, which considers not the reasons that make him a suitor for it. Begs her to rest satisfied. He will be most thankful to her, and the world shall never know other than that she bears the loss of it herself. [*One page.*]

March 18. St. Martin's Lane. 13. Sir Francis Nethersole to Sir Dudley Carleton. Has received a command from the Queen his mistress, to speak to the King her brother, for Sir Dudley, in her Majesty's name. Begs him to give his own help. His Majesty is confident the letter was opened before it came to Sir Francis's hands, and is resolved to know who durst be so bold with him, and is fully persuaded that Sir Dudley is able to discover. There is no possibility of recovering his Majesty's good opinion unless Sir Dudley can give him better satisfaction of his ignorance, or resolve to confess more of his knowledge. Till he will explain how, having delivered the King's letter to Sir Francis in the manner and with the words he did, he should now be so ignorant how the blemish came thereunto, and will reconcile other points in his depositions as improbable as that, he must excuse Sir Francis if he still holds him guilty. Urges upon him the duty of confession, and above all things to beware, lest fear of shame in this world make him fearless of confusion in the next. [*Three pages and a half.*]

March 18. 14. Suit proposed by Walter Morton touching the tithes of certain fens in Lindsey and Holland in co. Lincoln, which are beyond the bounds of any parishes or titheable places. As soon as the waters are removed by draining, discord will grow about these tithes. Prays a grant of a moiety thereof under a fee-farm rent to be paid to the King. [*One page. An indorsement, in the handwriting of Sec. Windebank, contains a note of the several fens as they are undertaken to be drained, and by whom, with the extent of the several enterprises.*]

March 19. 15. The King to Bishop Laud, Chancellor of the University of Oxford. The King having made choice of Thomas Turner, B.D., and one of his chaplains in ordinary, to attend him in his journey into Scotland, and understanding that he purposed to take the degree of D.D. at the next Act, his Majesty intending that his

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employment should be no prejudice to him, recommends him to be forthwith, on his performance of all usual exercises, admitted to that degree. [*Draft indorsed with the date in the margin, but there is also indorsed a subsequent memorandum that the letter was dated on the* 23*rd March* 1633. *Three quarters of a page.*]

March 19. Whitehall. Minutes by Nicholas of proceedings of the council of the Society for Fishing. John Moore, M.D., Edward Robinson, one of the six clerks, Peter Ricaut the younger and Thomas Eyre, merchants, were admitted and took the oath. [*See Vol.* ccxxxiii., *No.* 74. *Half a page.*]

March 19. Durham. 16. Justices of Peace for co. Durham to the Council. They have taken care for all the highways and bridges. The great high road between the southern and northern parts shall be in sufficient repair as soon as the season of the year will permit, and before the time of his Majesty's coming into the country. [*One page.*]

March [19 ?] 17. Petition of divers inhabitants upon Fresh Wharf, near London Bridge, to the same. Pray that they would compel Richard Chamlett, tenant and lessee of a house upon that wharf, to repair the same, being likely to fall down by the decay of the foundation and principals, which would hazard the lives of many of his Majesty's subjects. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 19. 18. Joseph Darnell and Edward James, carpenters, to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen. Certificate that Richard Chamlett had repaired his house on Fresh Wharf. Underwritten is a farther certificate from neighbours in confirmation of the preceding. [*One page.*]

March 19. 19. Order of the Court of Common Council. Richard Chamlett having been bound to appear before the Council to answer the complaint of one Pitman, touching his house upon Fresh Wharf, which was in danger of falling, it was now certified that he had so underpropped the same that it may stand many years, wherefore the certifying of his recognizance was respited. [*One page.*]

March 19. Ludham. 20. Minute of proceedings at a meeting before Bishop Corbet, of Norwich, for the decision of certain differences between Matthew Brookes, minister of Great Yarmouth, and George Burdett, lecturer there, both those persons then appearing, together with Thomas Johnson and ——— Meadowes, burgesses of Yarmouth. The Bishop ordered that the minister and lecturer should each of them read prayers before his sermon; that all fees should go to the minister; that the lecturer should preach on all the "scarlet days, " as they name them," and the minister should preach " the blessing " to their fishing yearly, which they call the fishing sermon." On Wednesday the lecturer was to begin his sermon at ten o'clock in the morning, but if there happened on that day a christening sermon, marriage sermon, or funeral sermon, or sermon at the churching of

any woman, then the lecturer was to begin his sermon at eight o'clock in the morning. [*This paper is a copy of the original sent by Bishop Corbet to Bishop Laud, and he has added in a note that two other things were left to his consideration. The minister wished that Mr. Burdett should assist him in the communions "which are great and often;" the lecturer that he might have power to appoint a substitute during his forty days absence allowed him in the year. Bishop Corbet states his own opinion and asks Bishop Laud's counsel on these points. Two pages.*]

March 20. 21. The Council to the Justices of Peace for Surrey. By a letter of the 17th inst. the Council had eased the Justices of the carriage of a third part of the 1,200 loads of timber, being the remainder of the 1,600 which were charged on that county, and they likewise understand in what manner the 800 loads are to be carried which are still charged on that county. By the letter of the Justices of the 1st inst. they allege that the inhabitants of the Forest of Windsor are by charter freed from carriage, but they are to take notice that in those things which concern the state, especially as this service doth, being for the defence and safety of the kingdom, foresters are no more to be excepted than other subjects. [*Copy. One page.*]

March 20. Whitehall. 22. Order of Council. It is his Majesty's pleasure that the Antelope and one of the Lion's Whelps shall be prepared for guard of the coast of Ireland upon the charge of the revenues of that kingdom. [*Nicholas has indorsed this order as relating to the Antelope and the Ninth Whelp. Three quarters of a page.*]

March 20. 23. Capt. Richard Plumleigh to the Lords of the Admiralty. Certificate in favour of Jacob Lovell, who had served for the four last years as his lieutenant; "as fit a man for action as any at this "time employed in his quality in his Majesty's service, of which "rank he is now the eldest." [*One page.*]

March 20. King Street. 24. James Martin to Richard Earl of Portland, Lord Treasurer. Having been formerly made known to their then Sovereign by the late Duke of Buckingham, he has desired to demonstrate his loyal duty by imparting ways of raising great sums. One particular he communicated to Sir Henry Mildmay, viz., the unepiscopal practices of the Bishop of Chester, of whose pillaging the country under colour of commutations of penance, &c., the writer was an eye-witness during the time he was his late Majesty's preacher in Lancashire, and one of the Bishop's colleagues in the High Commission. The writer was moved by Sir Henry to sign a petition to his Majesty, on promise that the writer should present it; but no sooner was the petition written than Sir Henry flees away with it, causes some other to exhibit it, and designs to commit the writer to a messenger, and afterwards to betray him to pursuivants on the Bishop of Chester's pretended quarrel about a book. Since Sir Thomas Canon's return with superabundant evidence the writer is advertised that

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there is great soliciting to handle that Nimrod mildly. He beseeches the Lord Treasurer to take notice that the Bishop is in a premunire. The writer detests the Bedlam fury of Puritans, and highly honours the Episcopal hierarchy, but this star is only a glittering composition of pride, avarice, and hypocrisy. [*One page.*]

March 20. Cowes Castle. 25. Capt. Humphrey Tourney to Sec. Coke. There has been a fleet of States men-of-war with the Admiral of Holland, Mons. Dorp, in number 12 ships, which anchored two days in Cowes Road. They sailed the 9th inst., and the next day returned and went out by the Needles. Knows not whether the Sec. means States men-of-war or merchantmen, because he has only specified "Hollanders." The writer's best service shall be employed to stop either if they come under his command. Craves further orders. [*One page.*]

March 20. Jesus College, Cambridge. 26. Master and others of Jesus College, Cambridge, to Bishop Laud. Request him to accept their resignation of the patronage of the church of Elmsted, in Essex, to avoid a lapse. Lat. [*One page.*]

March 20. 27. Indenture between Horace Lord Vere of Tilbury, Master of the Ordnance, and the rest of the Officers of the same, of the one part, and Botting Bellingham, master gunner of the Eighth Whelp, of the other part. Receipt for various enumerated gunners' stores to be duly accounted for at the end of the service. [*Two pages.*]

March 20. 28. Account of all the saltpetre brought into his Majesty's store, and delivered to Mr. Evelyn, from July 20, 1632, to March 20, 1633; total brought in, 1,541 cwts. 3 quarters, 12 lbs., being a deficiency of 297 cwts. [*One page. Indorsed by Nicholas as received on the 16th March* 1632–3.]

March 20. 29. Duplicate of the preceding. [*One page.*]

March 21[?] Exeter. 30. Lord Chief Justice Richardson and Bishop Hall, of Exeter, to the King. Report on a reference made to them upon a petition of Roger Jennings, clerk. They gave notice to William Lane, the adverse party, to attend them, but he wilfully absented himself, and remarked, on sight of his Majesty's reference, that he would not be so fiddled out of his title, and that before he had done, he would make the best friends the petitioner had ashamed of the business. The petitioner is a man of good ability, conformable, and well reported of, and they conceive that he has been pursued in a malicious and uncharitable way by people of no good fame nor credit. Hold it just that the petitioner should quietly hold his incumbency, and that there should be no farther proceedings until Lane submit himself. [*One page.*] *Underwritten,*

30. 1. *Minute of the King's pleasure that Mr. Jennings be continued in his incumbency, and be no farther troubled with vexatious suits. Whitehall,* 1633, *May* 7. [*Half a page.*]

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March 21. Whitehall. Proclamation against making collections without licence under the great seal. Forged certificates have been made in the names of persons of quality, upon which public collections have been made as well in churches as otherwise. To prevent this abuse is the object of the present proclamation. [*Coll. Procs. Car. I., No.* 162.]

March 21. Oxford. 31. Sir James Perrott to Nicholas. Before his departure from London, he left with the Earl of Pembroke a new petition, with a letter from Dr. Rives, to be delivered to the Lords of the Admiralty. If his Lordship be not sensible of his own suffering, and his Majesty's loss, by such a busy fellow's interrupting those services, the writer must leave it to whom the Earl shall appoint. Doubts Mr. Oldisworth will not deliver Mr. Prichard's letter. If anything be done wishes it to be sent to him by the Bishop of St. David's, who lodges against Westminster Abbey, and is to come thence on Tuesday next. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 22. The Bonaventure, in the Downs. 32. Capt. Thomas Ketelby to the same. That day they take in their provisions. The hoy which first brought them down was cast away in Ramsgate pier. Some ships report that ten days since they met with Nutt's vice-admiral twixt Scilly and the Land's End. One of them he fought with, and killed and spoiled him three men. He is in a ship of 16 pieces of ordnance. Divers reports being made of Ketelby's last accident, the Lord Ambassador being on board, he relates the truth. The Ambassador and the other Lords being at dinner in the great cabin, the gunner sent word that a Hollander was passing with his topsails on trip, to whom Ketelby gave order to make a shot. The Lords and gentlemen left the table to see the event, but the Hollander, neither for that shot nor two or three others, would lower the same one foot, whereupon Ketelby gave order to shoot him through, which was done, with as much speed as they could bring ordnance to bear, so as before she passed she had twenty shot in and through her sides, which they heard to crash in the same. They could perceive but one piece she had forth; to that fire was given twice. The shot came not near, but they might well hear the same. After her came the Admiral, with his flag on the main-top. She being more fit for their ordnance, lest she should fight, Ketelby gave order to clear the decks, and prepared to fire both lower and upper tier together. Whilst thus disposing the business, the Lord Ambassador sent for him and desired him to give over, and stand his course for Dover. On his second sending, Ketelby considering that the tide of ebb was just coming, when he should be forced to land the Ambassador at some other place, submitted his will to his Lordship's desires. Conceives the two ships were East India ships. Had Ketelby been free from his passengers, he doubts not to have brought them in to answer these contempts. They kept their course westward without altering a foot, with eight others in company.—P.S. A master of a Scotch bark reports that the ship that bare the flag was a States man-of-war, and the other

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bound for the West Indies. The man-of-war reported that one of the Indian ships had fought with one of the King's, and had shot her masts and yards by the board. [*Two pages.*]

March 22. 33. Extract from the preceding letter. [*Two pages.*]

March 22. 34. Receipt of Ambrose Mason for 18*l.* received by Richard Hamby for Mason, being his fee from Mr. Carne. [*Quarter of a page.*]

March 22. 35. Henry Goodwin to Humphrey Fulwood. Received his letter, wherein he writes of Sir Henry Jenkins's business, touching the nichiled issues, for which he desires a favourable composition with Mr. Vernon. Promises his assistance. [*One page.*]

March [22.] 36. Notes of the objections made by the Attorney General to Sir Alexander Gordon's project for granting pardons to persons carrying on trades without having served apprenticeships [*see this present Vol., No.* 4.], with answers thereto, and the King's judgment upon those answers. [*Two pages and a half.*]

March 23. Whitehall. 37. Minute of his Majesty's pleasure, on the business of Sir Alexander Gordon, concerning composition with persons exercising any manual occupation without having served apprenticeship. The Lord Keeper and Lord Treasurer, calling unto them the Attorney General, shall consider the same and certify thereon to his Majesty. [*Draft. One page.*]

March 23. Whitehall. 38. The Council to the Lords of the Admiralty. Notwithstanding his Majesty's proclamation, and the directions given by the Lords of the Admiralty, fishermen at sea still use trawls, and thereby destroy the fry of fish. They are to cause search to be made for trawls as well on shore as at sea, seizing all that are found, and taking bond of all fishermen not to use trawls any more. [*One page.*]

March 23. 39. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be submitted to the Lords of the Admiralty this day; among them, to move the King to appoint an Admiral for the Narrow Seas, and to direct instructions to be given to the captains; to resolve of ships for the guard of the coast of Ireland; to move the King about renewing the commissions for saltpetre; what to be done with the two men of Capt. Powick's company. [*One page.*]

March 23. Wallingford House. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To send estimate for setting forth, for service in the Narrow Seas, the Charles, the Henrietta Maria, and the Garland, for three months. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 34. *Quarter of a page.*]

March 23. Wallingford House. The same to the Attorney General. The late King appointed Sir Alexander Temple captain of the Blockhouse of West Tilbury, in Essex, and granted the reversion thereof to Carew Saunders, of London, merchant. Sir Alexander deceasing, Saunders succeeded,

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who was discharged by the Council for insufficiency, and Capt. John Talbot appointed. The Attorney-General is to prepare a bill containing a grant of the office to Talbot. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii, *fol.* 34 *a. Three quarters of a page.*]

March 23. Wallingford House. Lords of the Admiralty to the Officers of the Navy. To make a particular note of the cordage necessary for this next year, and treat with Job Harby for supply thereof. [*Copy. Ibid. Three quarters of a page.*]

March 23. 40. Draft of the same. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 23. Wallingford House. The same to the same. To enter Edward Lascelles purser in the Fifth Lion's Whelp, in place of William Brissenden, who has surrendered the same. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 35. *Third of a page.*]

March 23. Whitehall. 41. Philip Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, Lord Chamberlain, to Lord Treasurer Portland. As it appeared by the inclosed petition that not so much the person of Sir James Perrott, the writer's Deputy Vice-Admiral, as the office of the Admiralty was affronted by Sir Thomas Canon, the Earl addressed the same petition to their Lordships, and they referred it to Sir Henry Marten, a gentleman beyond all manner of exception; yet because the parties to be interrogated are some of them of slender fortunes, and all of them remote from hence, he offers it to them whether they would not give order to some one on the place to take the examinations. If they cannot fix upon commissioners, he will name such as he will be answerable for. [*Three quarters of a page.*] *Inclosed,*

41. I. *Petition of Sir James Perrott to the Lords of the Admiralty. Copy of petition, mentioned Vol.* ccxxxiii., *p.* 563. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 23. 42. Petition of Bryan Smyth, clerk, to the Lords of the Admiralty. In the late employment with Capt. Pennington, petitioner went preacher of the Second and Tenth Whelps. There being no competent means for two preachers, Capt. Pennington appointed petitioner for both the said ships, and he performed his duty throughout the service, as appears by Capt. Pennington's testimonial annexed. Being a suitor for his pay, the Officers of the Navy answer that they cannot give him the same without directions from the Lords, on account of a privy seal to Mr. Wells to receive the pay in those small ships wherein is no preacher. Prays their order for his payment. *Annexed,*

42. I. *Testimonial of Capt. Pennington above mentioned.* 1633, *March* 23. *Underwritten,*

42. II. *Reference to the Officers of the Navy to certify whether there be any such allowance, and what is fit to be done. Whitehall,* 1633, *April* 6.

42. III. *Officers of the Navy to the Lords of the Admiralty. Report the customary payment of the preacher's groats.*

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But in the Whelps the allowance is so mean that seldom a man of quality will attend to one of them. Capt. Pennington directed the petitioner to attend both these Whelps, but there is a privy seal to Mr. Wells for receiving the groats where there is not a particular preacher, towards a debt which his Majesty owes him. The Officers cannot give an order for payment, so long as that privy seal remains, without the directions of the Lords. 1633, *April* 12. [*Petition and other writings, two pages.*]

March 23. Whitehall. Humphrey Fulwood to Henry Goodwin. Favour shewn to his father [Sir Henry Jenkins] by himself or Mr. Vernon, will not be to the disservice of the general business. [*See this present Volume, No.* 35. *Copy.*]

March 23. 43. Receipt of Ambrose Mason for 8*l.*, borrowed of Richard Hamby. [*Quarter of a page.*]

March 24. Westminster. 44. The King to Archbishop Abbot and the rest of the Commissioners for the Hospital at the Charterhouse, called Sutton's Hospital. At their next election they are to admit Richard Day, son of George Day, a tradesman now deprived of sight, into the first scholar's place which shall become void. [*Copy. One page.*]

March 24. 45. Edward Lascelles to Nicholas. Incloses a letter under the Captain's hand to give him satisfaction that he has truly taken the place from Mr. Brissenden by his own request. Intreats his favour. [*One page.*] *Incloses,*

45. I. *Capt. Francis Hooke to Nicholas. Begs him to favour Edward Lascelles, Capt. Pett's kinsman, Mr. Brissenden having resigned his place of purser in the Fifth Whelp to him.* [*Half a page.*]

March 25. 46. Sec. Windebank to Archbishop Abbot. Is commanded to signify to his Grace, and the Bishop of London, that there have been of late complaints exhibited against the Bishop of Chester, for undue proceeding in commutations of penances and some other things of the same nature. To the end that the Bishop may make good his protestations of innocency, his Majesty commands the Archbishop to take present order that the Court of High Commission be assembled with as much expedition as possible, and the Bishop of Chester summoned according to usual course. [*One page.*]

March 25. London. 47. Matthew de Quester to Sec. Coke. Complains of Thomas Witherings, now postmaster, for breaking open a packet directed to de Quester, and using disdainful speeches of him. Reminds the Sec. of a promise that he should receive no damage or detriment. [*One page.*]

March 25. Busby. 48. Sir Henry Jenkins to Ralph Jenkins. Perceives the composition for Hitchilling still holds for 17*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, besides the 'chequer fees, which will come to about 4*l.* Thinks his son Fulwood should

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be in town when the 17*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* is paid, in order to get a deduction. His son Fullwood and his daughter are to be at York at the King's coming down. Mr. Tanckard and his wife mean to make them great entertainment there. If they will come to Busby they shall have as hearty entertainment as a father can give them. Does not intend to be at York at the King's coming down, on account of charges at that time incurred in repairs. [*One page.*]

March 25. 49. List of papers concerning the business of the Bishop of Chester delivered to Sir Henry Marten. Among them Sir Thomas Canon's and Mr. Hunt's report at large, and interrogatories proposed to the Bishop, and his answer. [*Half a page.*]

March 25. Portsmouth. 50. Kenrick Edisbury and Phineas Pett to Nicholas. Before they entered on their business of survey at Portsmouth they went aboard the Eighth Lion's Whelp to see her readiness to go to sea, and were told by the master that neither the victuals nor munition was on board. Mr. Holt, the victualler, says that he has a month's victuals ready within two or three days; but the gunner knows not when his stores will come down. Desires him to send to the Office of Ordnance, or acquaint the Lords with this neglect. [*One page.*]

Inclosed,

50. I. *Certificate of Botting Bellingham, gunner of the Eighth Whelp, that he had not received from the Office of the Ordnance munition, emptions, cordage, or stores.* 1633, *March* 25. [*Three quarters of a paye.*]

March 25. 51. List of his Majesty's ships, with their measures, burthens, and the number of men appointed for each, entered by his Majesty's express command. The numbers of men propounded by the Trinity House for service on the coast and on foreign service are approved by his Majesty. The list is under the Council seal, and was forwarded by the Council to the Lords of the Admiralty. [*Two pages.*]

March 25. 52. Copy of the preceding list. [*Two pages.*]

March 25. 53. Another copy. [*Two pages.*]

March 25. 54. Another list of the same ships, containing—I. The dimensions, burthen, and number of men ascertained by survey under order of 22 May 1632; II. The same particulars as formerly stated; III. The measures and true burthens, calculated according to a new rule by the true length, mean breadth, and depth from the ceiling. [*Skin of parchment.*]

March 26. Lambeth. 55. Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes to Humphrey Crosse, Richard Tomlins, and John Wragg, messengers of the Chamber, and to all Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, and others. Warrant to apprehend Sir Robert Willoughby, of Turner's Piddle, co. Dorset, and Elizabeth Willis, now or late his servant, and to detain them until each of them enters into a bond in 100*l.*, to appear before the Commissioners in the manor house of the Archbishop at Lambeth. [*One page.*]

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March 26. Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 56. Mayor and others of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Sec. Coke. Their comfort that his Majesty approved of their endeavours in suppressing the late riot. They made proclamation in sundry places. For calling out the trained bands they doubted their power to do so, and besides, the trained bands consist of townsmen, and finding not such forwardness as they expected in them to assist the Mayor, they doubted thereby to add more strength to the rioters. Since the riot was suppressed, all has been quiet. The Council established in the North have arrested most of the delinquents, and they are now at York, to be censured by that Court. Until they are dismissed from thence, the writers cannot send the chiefest of them to London, as directed. [*Two pages.*]

March 26. 57. Justices of Peace of co. Somerset to the Sheriff. Certify their proceedings for relief of the poor and supply of the markets. Very few wandering persons amongst them, more than now and then a troop of Irish, that begin again to swarm out of that country, for reformation whereof they desire the Lords to take order. [*One page.*]

March 26. South Witham. 58. Justices of Peace of co. Lincoln to the Council. Had not only taken a personal view of the highways and bridges in that great road, lying within the hundreds of Battisloe and of Winibriggs and Threo, and caused repairs to be done, but had appointed persons in each hundred to see the rest of the defects made good. [*One page.*]

March 26. 59. Minutes by Nicholas of business to be considered at the meeting of the council of the Society for Fishing. Whether the oath for the commons shall be registered; order for swearing the commons, and by whom they shall be sworn; resolve of a seal: appoint days of meeting and a room for the clerks; commission of deputation, and instructions for Judges to be deputed in places and cities remote; oath for the Judges, ministers, and servants. [*One page.*]

March 26. Whitehall. Minutes by Nicholas of proceedings of the council of the Society for Fishing. Peter Ricaut, the elder, and others, admitted of the Society. Resolved that procuration shall be given to an able solicitor, to follow the complaint of the losses sustained by some of the Fellows, by the busses taken from their servants by subjects of the States of the United Provinces, in the Courts of the United Provinces, or elsewhere. [*See Vol.* ccxxxiii., *No.* 74. *One page and a half.*]

March 26. 60. Minutes by Nicholas of business in which the Lords of the Admiralty should move his Majesty. To appoint a day to settle the differences concerning the numbers of men in his Majesty's ships; approve appointment of William Cooke to be pilot of the Black Deeps; settle rank and burthen of ships to be built in 1634; appoint Admiral of the Narrow Seas, and Captains of the Eighth and Tenth Whelps. Underwritten is a note of captains fit to be appointed for these two Whelps. [*One page.*]

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March 27. 61. Officers of the Navy to Lords of the Admiralty. Job Harby offers to supply his Majesty with 400 tons of cordage at 35*l.* per ton; 100 tons to be delivered this year and the remainder before Christmas 1634. Touching yarn unlaid, Russian spun yarn appears fair on the outside of the winch, but is often false and ill-conditioned within. Recommend the Lords to send a workman to make choice of the hemp and see to the true making thereof. Harby offers to supply canvas for sails. [*One page.*]

March 27. 62. Survey by the Officers of the Navy of the state of the hulls, masts, and yards, and also of the boats, of the ships in harbour at Portsmouth, that is, the Triumph, the St. George, the St. Andrew, the Swiftsure, the Warspite, the Third, Fifth, and Eighth Whelps, the Maria, and the Fortune pink. The survey was made on the 25th and 27th inst. [*Sixteen pages.*]

March 27. Sarum. 63. Justices of Peace for Wilts to the Lords of the Admiralty. Reply to the petition from Salisbury to be excused from providing 122 carts for the carriage of his Majesty's timber. When a service is required from the whole county the Justices distribute the charge upon every division, and Salisbury and corporate towns were ever reputed members, and have paid their parts. Not 122 loads required, but only 52. There is no double charging; the citizens of Sarum who have livings in the country are rated by those, and not according to their worth in the city. Want of carts cannot excuse, for they are rated by their values, not as having carts. [*One page.*]

March 27. 64. Henry Viscount Falkland to Humphrey Fulwood, secretary to Sec. Coke. Begs him to return the copy of the King's first letter, touching the levy of Sir Arthur Savage's fine in Ireland, and desires to peruse the draft of Sec. Coke's letter now intended to be presented to his Majesty. Is to take some advice of counsel thereon. Wishes them, if possible, despatched by Sir Charles Coote's messenger. For all Fulwood's pains therein, he shall receive gratification. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 27. 65. Robert Evelyn to Humphrey Fulwood at his house near the Broken Cross in Westminster. Mr. Consett came to live in Clerkenwell Close about Christmas. He has a wife and many children. No man knows his means, but there is no want. He has a horse, but what talent he has in managing horses to a better than natural pace, his neighbours know not. His country is Yorkshire. Store of company resort to him, but not ill demeaned. Hears nothing ill of him. [*One page.*]

March 28. Oakham. 66. Justices of Peace of co. Rutland to the Council. Have viewed the ways and bridges of co. Rutland, through which his Majesty is to pass, and have seen such reparation made of both as will witness their joy to receive his Majesty and their obedience to their Lordships. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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March 28. Whitehall. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. To cause the Antelope and the Ninth Lion's Whelp to be with all speed repaired and furnished for guard of the coast of Ireland, so that they be ready to put to sea on the 22nd April next. [*Copy. Vol.* ccxxviii., *fol.* 35. *Two thirds of a page.*]

March 28. Whitehall. The same to Capt. Dawtry Cooper. On the 18th February they gave him directions to bring the Ninth Lion's Whelp into Bristol to be repaired. He is now to repair to the Lords with all convenient speed, leaving the ship in charge of the master and officers. [*Copy. Ibid., fol.* 35 *a. One third of a page.*]

March 29. 67. Indictment found at the Sessions at Newcastle-upon-Tyne against Edward Glavering and others, for the riot and misdemeanors lately committed by them in the destruction of the limekiln of Christopher Reasley, situate on the West Ballast Hills in Newcastle before mentioned, and in other unlawful acts in connexion with the recent riots. Lat. [*Two pages.*]

March 29. 68. Certificate of 13 officers of the Ninth Lion's Whelp, that William Brooke, having served as master with them these three years, had always behaved himself as an absolute honest man. [*Half a page.*]

March 29. 69. Statement of seven officers of the Ninth Whelp with reference to Capt. Dawtry Cooper's averment that William Brooke, the master, would not go to sea with him. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

March 29. 70. Survey by the Officers of the Navy of the cordage and other provisions in the charge of Francis Brooke, Keeper of the Stores at Portsmouth. [*Eleven pages and a half.*]

March 29. 71. Petition of Sir Thomas Canon to the Lords of the Admiralty. Understands that information has been given to their Lordships by petition of Sir James Perrott touching a commission pretended to be surreptitiously gotten by the petitioner in the time of the late Earl of Pembroke, whereupon a reference has been made to Sir Henry Marten. Since which petitioner understands that Sir James Perrott has taken up the petition from Mr. Nicholas, whereby he would stifle this causeless information. Prays that the petition and information may be examined and reported upon according to their Lordships' order. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[March 29.] 72. Master and Seniors of St. John's College, Cambridge, to Henry Earl of Holland, Chancellor of that University. At their late election of Fellows his Majesty recommended divers persons to their choice, and in two of them a faculty was granted. The third recommendation on behalf of Sir Digby, of Christ's College, was no way in their power, and the party neither attended the three public days nor shewed himself to any of the Seniors. [*Copy. Three quarters of a page. Sec. Windebank has indorsed upon the next article a note of the contents of this letter, with the date assigned in the margin.*]

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March 29. 73. Master and Seniors of St. John's College, Cambridge, to Henry Earl of Holland, Chancellor of that University. In obedience to his pleasure they have inclosed a paper of arguments for their freedom from the vast expenses demanded by Mr. Tabor and Mr. Buck about the execution of his Majesty's late commission. Hope he will consider the grievous expenses they have been at in vindicating themselves and the College from the foul crimes objected and weakly proved, and will not impose upon them a new burthen. [*Half a page.*]

March 29. The Tenth Whelp. 74. Capt. Richard Fogg to Sec. Coke. The Tenth Whelp, of which he has received the command, is now over the chain, where he expects order how he shall dispose his course. [*One page.*]

March 30. 75. Survey by Officers of the Navy of the anchors, cables, ropes, and other naval provisions on board the King's ships at Portsmouth, surveyed from the 26th to the 30th inst. [*Thirty pages.*]

March 30. 76. Petition of Nicholas Pollhill, Robert Powlett, and others merchants in the West, to the Lords of the Admiralty and of the Council. Pray them to consider the manifest injustice they have received from the Dutch, and after a full hearing, to move his Majesty to receive them into his protection, and grant them a remedy according to precedents. [*Half a page.*]

March 30. 77. Account of presentments made at the Petty Sessions held at Millbrook, in the hundred of East in Cornwall. They relate principally to the passing of vagrants, binding apprentices, and setting fines on persons selling ale without licence. [*Two pages and three quarters.*]

March 31. 78. Matthew Nicholas to his brother Edward Nicholas. Relates with great minuteness the circumstances of a fire at Winterborne, which destroyed many houses in that village. It began at Kidgell's house by his wife's carrying a firebrand over the straw yard. The straw thus was set on fire, and afterwards Kidgell's house. The wind carried the flames to Mr. Webb's house, and thence to Mr. Sherfield's, and so to Nicholas's father's parsonage house. Mr. Sherfield had a house plentifully furnished with good furniture, both his own and his eldest son's. He saved nothing but his money, about six score pounds, his plate, and the apparel on his back. Nicholas's father lost his farm buildings and corn in ricks and barns, and great part of the parsonage house. His dwelling-house at the farm was saved. The whole loss was estimated at 10,000*l.*, of which Nicholas's father's proportion was calculated at about 1,000*l.* Other fires had taken place in the neighbourhood, which the writer hoped did not presage more evil. He mentions many family details. Doubted Mr. Chandler would scarce be had for a husband for one of his sisters, for the Bishop had bestowed a prebend upon him, which he looked upon as a bait to entangle him with one of that kindred. Illness of the writer's godchild, a son of Edward Nicholas. [*Two pages.*]

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March 31. 79. Note by the purser of the Ninth Whelp of the money due [for wages] for the Second and Ninth Whelps; total, 780*l.* [*Quarter of a page.*]

March. 80. Lords of the Admiralty to Officers of the Navy. Their letter of the 9th inst. no way satisfies the directions of the Lords concerning payments formerly made to Mr. Goodwin. Complain of the remissness and neglect of his Majesty's service by the Officers of the Navy. Once more pray them to certify what has been formerly allowed to the said master attendant for his extraordinary employment at Portsmouth. [*Unsigned. Half a page.*]

March. 81. Petition of Capt. Salleneuve to the Lords of the Admiralty. About four years since the mother of the Lord de Soubise gave petitioner a ship, in which petitioner served in the expedition to Rochelle under the Earl of Lindsey. In that service his ship was cast away. Not long before, the Duke of Buckingham lent petitioner a French prize bark, the John, of Olonne. Prays the Lords to bestow on him the bark, and discharge him from his security to return the same. [*Half a page.*]

March. 82. Officers of the Navy to the same. Have collected the charges for building the two new ships, the Charles and the Henrietta Maria, and compared them with those of the St. George and the St. Andrew, built in 1622, and have briefly abstracted the same in the paper annexed. *Annexed,*

82. 1. *Abstract of charges for building the Charles and Henrietta Maria, compared with those for building the St. George and the St. Andrew: the former amounted to* 10,961*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.*, *the latter to* 9,445*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*; *so that the charge for the new ships exceeds that of the older ones by* 1,514*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* [*sic*]; *but there was spent on the new ships in timber* 471 *loads more than on the others, which comes to* 706*l.* 10*s.* [*Copies. Letter and paper annexed, two pages and three quarters.*]

March. 83. Project for reducing the expenses of the Great Wardrobe, which are now 26,000*l.* a year, to 20,000*l.* The projector proposes to effect this reduction by purchasing on fairer terms with ready money, and by a more judicious expenditure of the amount allowed. He would allow for the arrasmen, the tailors, the maundy, the chapel and closet, 7,000*l.* per annum; the stables, 6,000*l.* per annum; the King's fine linen and bone lace, and fine linen for his sheets, 1,000*l.* per annum; the charge of the removing wardrobe, 3,000*l.* per annum; for the Prince and Lady Mary, 3,000*l.* per annum. As exemplifying the kind of items he would reduce, he mentions that the upholsterer puts fine down, at 3*s.* a pound, into chairs, stools, footstools, leaning pillows, &c., where the best feathers of 14*d.* a pound would serve; again, cloth of tissue, of 8*l.* a yard, is used, where cloth of gold of 30*s.* or 40*s.* a yard is appointed. [*In the handwriting of Windebank's secretary, perhaps originally written by John Grymesdych. Two pages.*]

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March. 84. Notes concerning a lease of the Alienation Office made by King James at a rent which is stated to be greatly below its real value. The King is advised to act upon a clause in the said lease, which empowers him to put an end to the same, and to take the office into his own hands. [*Indorsed by Sec. Windebank as delivered to him by the King's command by Mr. Murray of the Bedchamber. One page and a half.*]

March. 85. Notes by Sec. Coke on the cause of the recent riots at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He attributes these disturbances not to the pretence of destroying the limekiln, built on the town drying-ground, but to a desire in the commons to have a change in their government. He states various circumstances connected with the audit of the corporation accounts, and the last election of Mayor, from which he draws this inference. [*Two pages and a half.*]

March. 86. Names of eight persons of the parish of St. Martin-in-the Fields, ordered to attend the Council Board, for not paying their assessment to the poor. Among them were Mons. Aubert, Richard Brigham, Anthonis Verney [*Margin;* "Hath conformed], Richard Light, Mons. de Veau. [*Half a page.*]

March. 87. Answer of the Lieutenant of Portland Castle to a complaint of the States Ambassador, of having fired at and detained certain Dutch ships. The Hollanders are stated to have put up their colours in face of the King's colours flying at Portland Castle, which occasioned the Lieutenant of the Castle to fire at them. [*Two pages.*]

March. 88. Estimate by the Officers of the Navy for setting forth the Garland and the Ninth Whelp, to serve on the coast of Ireland for one year, as also for repairing their hulls twice a year at Bristol; total, 10,548*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* [*Two pages.*]

March. 89. Similar estimate for two Lion's Whelps, the one for eight months, and the other for a year, for the like service; total, 4,021*l.* 5*s.* 8*d.* [*Two pages.*]

March. 90. Similar estimate for the Mary Rose for eight months, and one pinnace for a year; total, 5,501*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* [*Two pages*]

March. 91. Note of payments to officers in command of ships of war, and others employed in 1617, to attend King James on his visit to Scotland. Among them is a Scottish ship, the Vanguard, of "Kickollie," hired to transport his Majesty's buckhounds from Harwich into Scotland, "to be ready against his Majesty's coming "there." [*Three quarters of a page.*]

[March?] 92. Petition of the parson and inhabitants of St. Magnus at London Bridge that suffered by the late fire, and other the parishioners there, to the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, Viscount Wimbledon, and Sec. Windebank. Petitioners have often petitioned the Court of Aldermen for rebuilding the houses consumed by the late

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fire, but finding their petitions take no effect, and that the persons addressed have lately been at pains to take views of the ruins; petitioners pray them to consider their miserable condition and the weight of the reasons annexed, and to look down upon the heavy pressures and extremities that lie upon them. [*Three quarters of a page.*]

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[March ?] Entry Book of Auditors' Certificates of Revenues of Queen Henrietta Maria, received during the past year from lands in various parts of England. It contains the following:—

1. Certificate for cos. Montgomery, Pembroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Brecknock, Radnor, Glamorgan, Monmouth. [*p.* 1.]

2. The like for cos. Hants, Wilts, Gloucester, Somerset, Dorset, Devon, and Cornwall. [*p.* 5.]

3. The like for cos. Lincoln, Nottingham, and Chester. [*p.* 17.]

4. The like for cos. Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Oxon, Berks, Bedford, and Bucks. [*p.* 25.]

5. The like for co. York. [*p.* 42.]

6. The like for the South parts of the Duchy of Lancaster, comprising the manors of Methwold in Norfolk, Pevensey in Sussex, Rushden and Higham Ferrers in co. Northampton. [*p.* 54.]

7. The like for cos. Middlesex, Essex, Hertford, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridge, and Huntingdon. [*p.* 58.]

8. The like for cos. Northampton, Rutland, Warwick, Leicester, Stafford, Salop, Hereford, Worcester, Lancaster, Westmoreland, and Cumberland. [*p.* 76.]

9. The like for the North parts of the Duchy of Lancaster, comprising the honor of Haulton, in cos. Chester and Lancaster, and parts of the honors of Pomfret, Knaresborough, Tickhill, and Pickering. [*p.* 102.]

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Instructions to Editors.

The Master of the Rolls desires to call the attention of the Editors of Calendars to the following considerations, with a view to secure uniformity of plan in the important works on which they are engaged:—

He is anxious to extend, as far as is consistent with proper economy and despatch, the utility of the Calendars of State Papers now publishing under his control: 1st. As the most efficient means of making the national archives accessible to all who are interested in historical inquiries; 2nd. As the best justification of the liberality and munificence of the Government in throwing open these papers to the public, and providing proper catalogues of their contents at the national expense.

The greater number of the readers who will consult and value these works can have little or no opportunity of visiting the Record Office, or its branch the State Paper Office, in which these papers are deposited. The means for consulting the originals must necessarily be limited when readers live at a distance from the metropolis; still more if they are residents of Scotland, Ireland, distant colonies, or foreign states. Even when such an opportunity does exist, the difficulty of mastering the original hands in which these papers are written will deter many readers from consulting them. Above all, their great variety and number must present formidable obstacles to literary inquirers, however able, sanguine, and energetic, when the information contained in them is not made accessible by satisfactory Calendars.

The Master of the Rolls considers that, without superseding the necessity of consulting the originals, every Editor ought to frame

his Calendar in such a manner that it shall present, in as condensed a form as possible, a correct index of the contents of the papers described in it. He considers that the entries should be so minute as to enable the reader to discover not only the general contents of the originals, but also what *they do not* contain. If the information be not sufficiently precise, if facts and names be omitted or concealed under a vague and general description, the reader will be often misled, he will assume that where the abstracts are silent as to information to be found in the documents, such information does not exist; or, he will have to examine every original in detail, and thus one great purpose will have been lost for which these Calendars have been compiled.

As the documents are various, the Master of the Rolls considers that they will demand a corresponding mode of treatment. He therefore recommends the following rules:—

1st. That all formal and official documents, such as letters of credence, warrants, grants, and the like, should be described as briefly as possible.

2nd. That letters and documents referring to one subject only should be catalogued as briefly as is consistent with correctness. But when they contain miscellaneous news, such a description should be given as will enable a reader to form an adequate notion of the variety of their contents.

3rd. Wherever a letter or paper is especially difficult to decipher, or the allusions more than ordinarily obscure, it will be advisable for the Editor to adhere, as closely as is consistent with brevity, to the text of the document. He is to do the same when it contains secret or very rare information.

4th. Where the Editor has deciphered letters in cipher, the decipher may be printed at full length. But when a contemporary or authorized decipher exists, it will be sufficient to treat the cipher as an ordinary document.

5th. Striking peculiarities of expression, proverbs, manners, &c. are to be noticed.

6th. Original dates are to be given at the close of each entry, that the reader may know the exact evidence by which the marginal dates are determined.

7th. Where letters are endorsed by the receivers and the date of their delivery specified, these endorsements are to be recorded.

8th. The number of written pages of each document is to be specified, as a security for its integrity, and that readers may know what proportion the abstract bears to the original.

9th. The language of every document is to be specified. If, however, the greater part of the collection be in English, it will be sufficient to denote those only which are in a different tongue.

10th. Where documents have been printed, a reference should be given to the publication.

11th. Each series is to be chronological.

*** Editors employed in foreign archives are to transcribe at full length important and secret papers.